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CONTINENT IS KICKING UP A STINK

Pong in the air blamed on European industry

THE notorious 'Euro-whiff' is back – a pungent odour described as smelling like a mixture of sulphur and manure.

Whitstable and Herne Bay have been worst affected by the foul smell, which is caused by a combination of industrial and agricultural activity from an area which includes Holland, Belgium and parts of Germany.

And what's more, Canterbury has not escaped it either, with the powerful pong creeping inland too.

Manure, industrial effluent, car

■ BY NICK AMES

fumes and fertilisers are all contributing factors to the smell, which was first noticed last summer.

However, recent wind patterns meant its unwelcome return last week with the most badly hit areas being along the coast.

A Met Office spokeswoman told Yourcanterbury: "The problem is caused by winds blowing the smell across the Channel, which is why it is worse in coastal towns."

"The worst case is when the smell is blown to these shores and then the

wind dies down. This means it hangs in the air and does not shift.

"Normally the prevailing winds in South East England come off the Atlantic and bring little or no pollution. But this smell is caused when the wind changes and it comes from an easterly direction.

"After we investigated the first complaints about a bad smell we discovered it emanated from an area roughly bordered by Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

"Fresh, strong easterly winds seem to bring on the phenomenon and we

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Picture: ADY KERRY

GOOD LUCK MEL!

CANTERBURY Ladies hockey ace Mel Clewlow will join the world's finest athletes on Friday as Beijing hosts the opening ceremony of the 2008 Olympic Games.

The 32-year-old is part of the Great Britain hockey team – a side coached by Danny Kerry, the former Canterbury Ladies team boss.

And everyone at Yourcanterbury wishes her – and all the British Olympic team members – the very best of luck as they look to go for gold and glory.

Great Britain's women's hockey team get their campaign under way on Sunday at 2pm UK time. FULL STORY – SEE PAGE 55.



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SAVED: Orange Street Music Club has kept its licence following a review of noise levels

Popular music club keeps its licence to play

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

ORANGE Street Music Club's licence is safe following a review prompted by a handful of residents living nearby.

The popular club, one of the few dedicated music venues within the city walls, puts on a varied programme of jazz, folk and world music.

But there was a shadow of doubt cast over its future ahead of Friday's meeting of city council licensing chiefs amid complaints from neighbours over noise levels.

However, the licence was granted and it will be business as usual for the popular venue – albeit with some conditions such as monitoring noise levels.

Juliet Morris of Orange Street, who called for the review, provided diaries of nights she had suffered disturbance from the club.

She said: "The disturbances included interfering with TV viewing, spoiling social evenings at home with friends, and preventing sleep."

"Preventing sleep includes not going to bed before the live music finishes at 11pm, when my preferred retiring time is actually 10pm."

Ann Barber also complained about

noise, adding that noise on a Sunday "seems somewhat irreligious in the shadow of the cathedral".

But, despite the complaints, many neighbours wrote in supporting the club and its owners.

In a letter supporting the licence, one wrote to the council: "I live next to Orange Street Music Club; my house is actually attached to the premises. I am not disturbed by either the music or people coming and going from the venue. In fact, I often enjoy going there as it is relaxed, friendly, and above all, safe."

Culture

Others mentioned the club's importance to the cultural life of the city.

Alex Kvutnik, of St Alphege Lane, said: "If this venue were to go it would be a detriment to all who delight in its passion for an innovative, inviting, non-aggressive, exciting platform for both artistes to exhibit and customers to take pleasure in, and would stifle the creative talent and vision of our local community."

A notice requesting customers to be considerate of neighbours is to be prominently displayed and the club will be responsible for clearing away cigarette ends from the pavement.

Supporters and regulars at the venue point to its focus on live music rather than heavy drinking as to the secret of its success in the city and its reputation.

Combination of factors needed to spread smell

FROM FRONT PAGE

received many complaints earlier this year."

Investigations into the cause of the smell – which was dubbed the Euro-whiff by the Met Office – have pointed to a number of causes.

These include pig farming, the use of manure as fertilisers and the industrial emissions of factories in the Ruhr area of Germany.

Even Belgian chocolate manufacturers have been blamed for producing the pong.

An investigation into the conditions which cause the smell discovered stagnant air is necessary across Europe for the stench to build up from a combination of causes.

Strong winds are then needed for it to be bought across to England where it is only dispersed by further winds and most effectively by rain.

Gift company to be wrapped up

WEDDING firm Wrapit has gone into administration – leaving thousands of couples fearing they will not get their gifts.

The firm, which has an outlet in the Fenwick store in Whitefriars, has been struggling in recent weeks as it tried to structure a rescue bid.

But its bank this week called in the administrators to try and restructure or sell-off the beleaguered company which specialises in online wedding lists for happy couples.

It is not clear if existing customers will receive the gifts purchased for them.

Drink-drive charge for crash driver

A MOTORIST is due to appear before magistrates on a drink driving charge later this month.

Paul Langton, 21, of Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, will come before magistrates in Canterbury on August 11 charged with driving with excess alcohol.

He was arrested in Sturry Road after police were called to reports that a car had collided with a roundabout at the junction of Tourtel Road and Chaucer Road in Canterbury at 4.15am on Sunday, July 27.

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Biker snapped on film doing 146mph

Ban as speed van captures Kent's fastest offender

■ BY NICK AMES

A MOTORCYCLIST who doubled the legal speed limit – sending his speedometer rocketing to an incredible 146mph – has been banned for two years.

The speed was the fastest ever recorded by a speed camera in Kent.

Lewis Matanle from Marine Crescent, Whitstable, was clocked breaking the 70mph limit as he sped down the A2 in the direction of Dover in October last year.

But as he gunned his Suzuki GSXR750 he didn't realise he was riding into a speed trap.

A mobile safety camera van was positioned there – a spot it has regularly made its home for the past three years.

Matanle, 38, has been disqualified from driving, ordered to pay a £400 fine and cough up costs of £50. He appeared last week before magistrates in Ashford.

Speed camera operators say they hope this will send out a warning to other motorists who are tempted to break the speed limit.

Katherine Barrett, spokeswoman for the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership, said: "It shows that when people do these speeds along the roads they will be caught and



CAUGHT: Lewis Matanle was fined £400 for driving at more than double the speed limit on the A2 towards Dover

taken before the courts. Mr Matanle should not have been exceeding 70mph, so this shows blatant disregard for his own safety and that of other road users.

"We know people like to ride their bikes fast, but there are track days for that – the ban proves this will not be tolerated on public roads and should be a warning to other motorcyclists."

"Motorcycle riders are a small percentage of the overall users of our roads but they account

for something like 25 per cent of all fatalities."

The junction where he was spotted is the turning to Womenswold and has been a speed camera van site since 2005.

The location was originally chosen as seven people have been killed or injured there in speed related crashes.

The partnership was formed in July 2002 and is backed by Kent and Medway councils, the courts, police and the Highways Agency.

Lifeboat called to rescue sinking ship

TWO teenagers and two men had to be rescued after their boat started to sink off the coast of Whitstable at the weekend.

Their 35-foot converted trawler, Carolan, suffered engine failure and was taking on water when lifeboats from Whitstable and Southend came to the rescue.

The men, aged 34 and 60, and the boys, aged 12 and 13, were all members of the same family and came from Basildon.

An RAF search and rescue helicopter also attended the scene and its crew used pumps to stabilise the vessel.

An RNLI spokeswoman said: "The older man, who was the father-in-law of the younger man, was taken to the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate as he was suffering from the cold. The rest of the people on board were taken ashore at Sheerness and the damaged boat was taken to Southend."

The incident has prompted a warning from Thames Coastguard.

Watch manager Aimee Neale said: "Always make sure you have the right equipment on board and ensure you know how to use it in an emergency."

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The Black Kids rock lounge on the Farm. Search 'kids'

Tributes for Herne Bay councillor

TRIBUTES were being paid this week to John Law – the Herne Bay East county councillor who died at the weekend after a short illness.

Mr Law was elected to the county council as a Conservative member seven years ago, serving on a number of important committees.

Previously he had been a governor at the former Sir William Nottidge School in Whitstable.

A retired general manager, Mr Law had worked at several major companies including ICI, Lamp Metals, GTE products corporation and the Whitstable Improvement Trust.

Kent County Council leader Paul Carter said: "John was a first rate councillor using to the full his analytical brain and comprehensive business experience. He was determined the county council should remove all unnecessary bureaucracy and squeeze out inefficiency at all times, endeavouring to deliver low taxation and improved services to the people of Kent."

He leaves wife Jean – the Canterbury councillor and former deputy leader.

Mr Carter added: "Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jean and his family."

Metal-detecting arch used in train knife crackdown

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

A CRACKDOWN on people carrying weapons saw a metal detecting archway put in place at Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay train stations.

More than 400 people were scanned by the machine, which was also set up near the Talk of the Town nightclub in Herne Bay for an evening.

Police were hoping to cut the number of knives, guns and knuckledusters carried on trains and taken into nightspots.

A 41-year-old Herne Bay man was arrested at the town's train station for possessing an offensive weapon – a lock knife – and issued with a caution.

Supt Chris Hogben said: "The archway is one of the methods we are using across east Kent to ensure those going out in the evening are deterred from carrying knives."

"Our operation demonstrated we are committed to ensuring our com-

munities and people visiting towns to enjoy a night out can do so safely.

"Those who walked through the archway were in favour and supported what we are doing, saying they felt reassured and would welcome further such operations taking place."

"I think we received just three comments that were not in support of the action."

The operation was supported by special constabulary, officers from British Transport Police and rail staff.

A fine was issued during the evening for trespass on the railway.

Signs were displayed around the archway to explain its purpose and it is being used across east Kent this summer as part of the police's on-going bid to banish violence from our streets.

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Helpers needed to join a batty night in the field

THE search is on for volunteers to help with a bat and moth survey at Prospect Field in Whitstable on Saturday.

The Friends of Prospect Field are working with Canterbury council to establish the future management of the site, which is a vital oasis for wildlife adjacent to the Joy Lane allotments.

On August 9, volunteers will be checking for bats and moths, starting at 7.30pm. People interested in taking part should meet at Joy Lane Infants School for a brief talk before heading out to start the survey.

There's a surprise in store as the bears hold a picnic

IF you go down to Whitefriars next Tuesday, you're sure of a big surprise as popular store the Build-A-Bear Workshop hosts a special teddy bears' picnic.

Children are being invited to take part in the event in Whitefriars Square on August 12, between 12pm and 2pm.

Children will be welcome to come along any time during this period to create their own special birthday card for Bearemy, the store's mascot, who will also be making an appearance.

Farmers sure to impress with their market stalls

ELHAM's twice monthly farmers' markets are proving a big hit – with villagers snapping up the local seasonal produce on display on their doorsteps.

Launched in June, the Elham Farmers' Market attracts close to 200 shoppers, with the number of stalls doubling ahead of the next event on Sunday from 11am to 1pm.

Anne Leva, the market's manager, said: "The range of produce on offer is growing all the time, partly through existing traders doing well and recommending the market to fellow producers."

Carnival to go with a bang as fireworks lit

GET ready for some pyrotechnics above the skies of Herne Bay at the weekend as thousands are set to flock for one of the summer's highlights.

The Herne Bay Grand Carnival firework display takes place on Saturday, August 9, on the seafront. The first rocket is set to be lit at 9.30pm.

Chris West, Herne Bay town co-ordinator, said: "It will be a spectacular display to music. This has only been possible thanks to our sponsor J&J Recruitment in William Street."

The Herne Bay Festival begins August 16.

Tributes pour in for fence firm's 'Guvnor'

■ BY ED HILL

A FENCING tycoon who built his family business into a national brand, has died.

Ian Jackson, from Stelling Minnis, died peacefully on July 26, aged 78, after a long illness.

Known as the 'Guvnor', he founded Jacksons Fencing with his father Harry Sands Jackson in 1947. From humble beginnings, they started off supplying the farming community around Canterbury, building the business to become one of Britain's leading manufacturers of fencing.

And this week, as friends and relatives turned out to pay their final respects as he was laid to rest at St John the Baptist Church in Mersham, near Ashford on Monday, they paid tribute to him.

Son Richard said: "My father was, above all, a man of great integrity who valued honesty and fairness in his relationships."

"It was these values that he applied from his



MISSED: Ian Jackson was a man of integrity and fairness

private life to his business. It's his legacy to my family and remains the cornerstone of Jacksons Fencing."

Born in London, his childhood ambition was to become a farmer, and at the age of 16, he persuaded his father, a typesetter with the Times newspaper, to uproot the family to

Dover, where they bought a smallholding to launch a poultry farm.

However, the fencing stakes and rails they made themselves for the farm were spotted by fellow farmers. Demand soon rose and the Jackson family scrapped the idea of raising chickens and started producing agricultural fencing instead.

The business grew quickly from its base, fuelled by consistent local and national advertising, leading to the opening of branches in Bath and Chester and through referrals from happy customers.

In the 1980s, while as chairman and managing director, Mr Jackson expanded the business further by opening a workshop for the manufacture of steel security fencing and gates. These days, the company he founded with his father employs more than 250 people and remains a family business.

His eldest son Richard is at the helm; younger son Peter is on the board and his daughter Elizabeth and granddaughter Tammy both hold key positions.

He is survived by his wife Isobel, three children and three grand children.

CONFERENCE ENDS PEACEFULLY



Picture: RCP

The Lambeth Conference came to a conclusion on Sunday with the event passing off without any of the feared protests on the issue of homosexuality.

The topic was top of the agenda for the once-every-decade get-together of top Anglican bishops from across the world which finished its three-week timetable with a service at Canterbury Cathedral.

The event was attended by 650 bishops from around the world but was boycotted by a further 200.

During the conference one group of leading clergymen from Africa and Asia called for controversial gay cleric Gene Robinson – the non-celibate bishop of New Hampshire, USA – to be thrown out of the Church. But there were no demonstrations about the ordination of Bishop Robinson, who attended several functions on the conference's fringe.

Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams said "pieces were on the board" to resolve the row about gay clergy and same sex unions. But he added there was still work to do to bring all sides together.

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UNDER THREAT: Whitstable JobCentre has been included on a closure list, but it won't go without a fight

City lends support to battle against JobCentre closure

CITY council chiefs have joined the growing chorus of opposition battling plans to close Whitstable JobCentre.

The centre is on a hit-list drawn up by the Department of Work and Pensions, which plans to shut the centre in the High Street and divert users to Herne Bay.

But the move has prompted an angry outcry from townsfolk who are determined not to lose another community service. It has also angered MP Julian Brazier, who says he is amazed at the decision to close it after a similar decision to close the centre in Faversham. They are now also backed by Canterbury council, which has thrown its weight behind the fight.

A council spokesman said: "The city council was against the closure of the JobCentre the last time it was proposed, back in 2003, and we remain against it now."

"It would have a real impact on disadvantaged communities who need access to JobCentre services the most, which is completely unacceptable. It wasn't right in 2003, and it's not right in 2008."

It is hoped a concerted push by people between now and August 26 – the date when the consultation period into the plans closes – may force a rethink.

A recent petition collected by volunteers in

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

Whitstable town centre, collected hundreds of signatures.

Canterbury MP Julian Brazier said: "I was disappointed to learn that Whitstable's JobCentre Plus is threatened with closure, particularly following the loss of the Faversham office."

"The original comments of the public in 2003 are still pertinent now and, since these comments persuaded them to abandon the proposal then, I wonder what is so different now?"

"I was especially disappointed that consultation is taking place over August when Parliament is not sitting and many opinion formers are away."

Whitstable JobCentre serves about 170 people. If the centre closes, they will be transferred to Herne Bay, more than five miles away.

Mr Brazier added: "Being no longer able to walk to the JobCentre, unemployed Whitstable residents would have to spend their restricted income on bus transport in order to attend their fortnightly job search reviews."

• To make your views heard, write to Sarah Kennet, Maidstone Jobcentre Plus, County Gate, 1 Stacey's Street, Maidstone, ME14 1ST.

New president takes over theatre friends

CATHEDRAL choirmaster and organist David Flood has been chosen as the new president of the Friends of the Marlowe Theatre.

He takes over from James Hyde. The Marlowe Friends now has more than 10,200 members, making it one of the largest such groups in the country.

He said: "I am looking forward to the exciting and challenging time ahead as the Marlowe goes through the rebuilding programme."

Find out more about the ambitious redevelopment when you search for 'Marlowe'.

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Pupils and paint transform subway

STUDENTS from Herne Bay High School have transformed the subway next to the seaside town's railway station.

And now after hours of hard work they are keeping their fingers crossed mindless vandals don't daub the walls again after giving it a complete clean-up.

The volunteers teamed up with Network Rail and the city council to paint the passageway, which was covered in graffiti.

The council's environmental promotions officer, Helen Bennington, said: "I initially asked Network Rail for permission to paint the subway and they offered to supply the paint and to help, which was marvellous."

"Herne Bay High School's student welfare officer, Pat Todd, and some of the school's pupils wanted to get involved as well, so it has been a really successful project. We just hope it doesn't get vandalised again."

Helen organises community clean-ups and litter picks. For details call 01227 862253 or email helen.bennington@canterbury.gov.uk.

Police send message: Don't drive and phone

DRIVERS using mobile phones at the wheel have been labelled as selfish and ignorant by a senior Canterbury police officer.

In a recent four-week campaign police officers stopped 58 drivers in the Canterbury, Herne Bay and Whitstable area who were using a phone whilst driving. Each was issued with a £60 fine and three points on their licence.

Supt Chris Hogben said: "I can only describe these drivers as selfish and ignorant. There cannot be anybody unaware that driving whilst using a mobile is a risk to others and we will continue to ensure those prepared to take that risk are punished."

Get active when hockey player joins in sports day

ENGLAND and Canterbury hockey ace Cathy Gilliat-Smith will be urging the community to participate in events at Dane John Gardens in Canterbury on Sunday.

The star will be visiting Get Active: Feel Alive on August 10 as part of the day organised and funded by Sport England, for their Sporting Champions initiative.

Gilliat-Smith is one of 90 athletes from across the country who is taking part in Sporting Champions visits in community settings. The initiative aims to encourage more people to take part in community sport and lead healthier, more active lifestyles.

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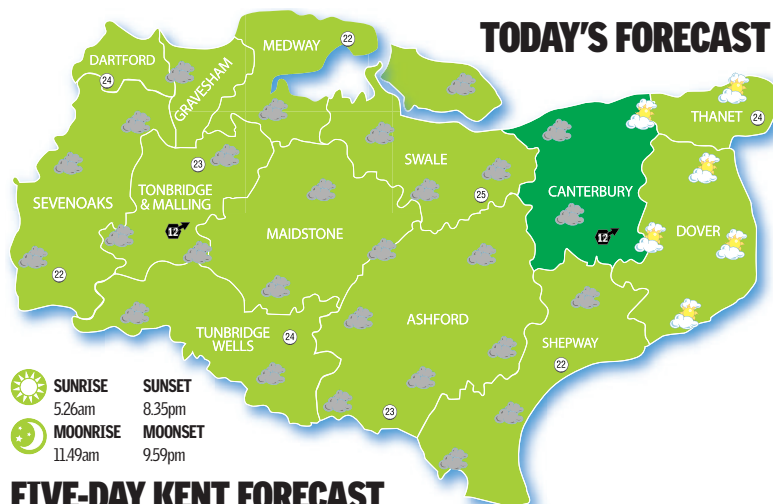
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Chatham	20°C	23°C	22°C	20°C	20°C	Ramsgate	21°C	24°C	22°C	21°C	20°C
Dartford	21°C	26°C	24°C	21°C	21°C	Rochester	20°C	23°C	22°C	20°C	20°C
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Cape Town	17°C	Tenerife	27°C
Cardiff	17°C	Tokyo	33°C
Gibraltar	26°C	Vancouver	19°C
Hong Kong	33°C	Warsaw	27°C
Las Palmas	26°C	Wellington	12°C

Fun day and courses to put a spring in your step

THERE is plenty of summer holiday fun to be had at the Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre in Canterbury this month.

The main event at the city council-run centre is a free family fun day on Saturday, August 23 from 3.30pm-6.30pm. There will be live music from The Interceptors, a karaoke competition, stalls and prizes to be won, with refreshments provided.

From 1.30pm-3.30pm on August 19 and 21 there are free craft sessions for children aged over five. Booking in advance is recommended.

Early years family sessions take place on August 22 and 27 from 9.30am-12.30pm - the cost is £1 per family.

There are street dancing lessons for older children on Tuesday, August 26 and they can learn how to DJ/MC and make a CD on Thursday, August 28. Both sessions are from 1.30pm-3.30pm and must be booked in advance.

For more details, or to book, call the Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre on 01227 477960.

TA marksmen hit the target to retain title

CANTERBURY'S Territorial Army infantry battalion has held on to its top marksmanship title.

The Third Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment (3 PWRR) upheld its reputation as the country's premier TA marksmanship unit at the annual Skill at Arms Meeting in Surrey.

The 3 PWRR Tigers team retained the unit championship title it won last year and won a host of other team trophies and individual medals. In addition, Private Nick Simmons of HQ Company won the prestigious Queen's Medal as the competition's overall top shot.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

DAVID ALDRIDGE



QA

Gareth Arnold talks to David Aldridge, manager of Herne Bay Mobility Centre, about his business and the challenges facing disabled people in the district.

Q Tell us a bit about yourself?

A I am 37, live in Broomfield in Herne Bay, and have been involved in the mobility industry for several years.

Q Tell us about Herne Bay Mobility, how did it start?

A I started Herne Bay Mobility Ltd with one aim, to offer top-quality products such as Shoprider, Parker Knoll, LA-Z-BOY, Companion Stairlifts and others at sensible prices. Too many mobility companies seem to think everybody has money to burn and offers the dearest products to everybody without taking into account their needs or means.

Q What is your business philosophy?

A It is simple: offer the right product at a sensible price and top it off with first-class service and customers will not only return again and again, but will recommend us to their friends. I am a local independent business that relies on local support. The only way to gain that is by building a reputation second to none.

Q What sort of customers do you cater for?

A We cater for anybody with a disability, a disabled friend or relative, and those who care for disabled people. The term mobility shop is misleading and implies we only sell goods to keep you mobile. In fact, we offer around 800

products for everyday home use including kitchen, dining, bathroom and even garden aids. All of them are listed in our catalogue. For the less able we also offer a free delivery or no obligation home demonstration service.

Q What is your most popular product and why?

A Our biggest-selling scooter is the Shoprider Perrero, which is helped by being on special offer at the moment. It is easy to use, reliable, comfortable, good looking, travels a long way and has all the little extras that make it a class leader. In fact, Dover Castle has just bought four from us to lend to people when they visit the castle. Our best-selling small aids are our three and four-wheel walkers, both at under £100, and our long-handled dustpan and brush sets at only £10.

Q Do you think people with mobility problems lose out in terms of access to public buildings in the district?

A Things are getting much better. The laws regarding disabled access have improved greatly over the last few years, but there is always room for improvement. Canterbury council has taken great leaps forward in its views on the disabled and is making a real difference, as are shop and business owners who have to spend a lot of money these days to make their premises easier to access for the less able.

Q Do Herne Bay, Canterbury and Whitstable pose specific problems for those with mobility problems?

A No, we are lucky here with lots of places that are easy to get to. There is beautiful scenery

and better than average roads and pavements, making getting around those towns easier than many places in the country.

Obviously there are problematic areas. For example, the cobbles in Canterbury can be tricky, but it must be remembered, when they were built they were not designed with the disabled in mind and what would you rather have – pretty cobbled road or horrid-looking black Tarmac?

Q What improvements would you make?

A I would love to see cycle lanes that mobility scooters can use everywhere. That would let the scooter user travel about their business safer and with the minimum disruption to other pavement and road users.

Q Has the predicted economic downturn had any effect on your business?

A Not at all, quite the opposite in fact. The current climate has meant that people are looking at alternative providers instead of buying the first product they see. This, in turn, has seen a huge number of people choosing us as their supplier based on cost, quality and service.

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Helping stem the flood of misery

BY NICK AMES

GOVERNMENT funding has been promised for homes not protected by adequate flood defences but at risk from rising water levels.

In recent years the county has seen flooding cause costly damage to properties and misery for homeowners in the Maidstone area – particularly around the villages of Yalding and Collier Street.

Areas of Sheppey, Thanet and land to the north of Dover have also been highlighted as threatened and recently flood defences have been installed along the coast of Romney Marsh.

The Swale, Thames and Medway estuaries are also places which have concerned environmentalists.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has now reacted by pledging at least £5 million nationally to homes at risk of flooding.

This will enable individual properties to be assisted – mainly in areas where large-scale defences such as walls and flood barriers are not available.

Environment Minister Phil Woolas said: "Traditional community level defences are not a viable answer to flooding in all areas, but individual householders can make a big difference themselves by protecting their properties.

"The Government wants to support people in making relatively simple changes which can nevertheless have a huge impact on a property's resilience.

"Measures such as door-boards, air-brick covers, water-proof walls and floors, and raised electrics, can all reduce any potential damage caused by floodwater.

"Research suggests that these measures can cut the financial costs of flooding by 50 to 80 per cent. They lessen the disruption and distress, and can halve the amount of time it takes to dry out and repair a property.

"Putting a package of measures in place can cost £4,000 to £5,000 for the average semi-detached house, but it could prevent flood damage of up to tens of thousands of pounds, as well as the attendant distress and disruption that flooding can cause."



RAISED AWARENESS: Cash is being pledged to help protect those homes at risk of flooding



DOCKYARD: Chatham's naval link is long and historic

Island people raise a glass to centuries of naval tradition

THE majority of people in Kent see themselves as members of an island race which has historic ties with the Royal Navy and its tradition of maritime heroics.

The county has strong ties with the Navy such as Chatham Dockyard, the Cinque Ports and the Dover Patrol of both world wars.

A massive 83 per cent of the people questioned on behalf of Wood's 100 Old Navy Rum stated their belief that British history has been influenced by the Navy and its traditions – compared with a national average of 75 per cent. Also 79 per cent felt that Britain's naval heritage should be taught at school, again slightly higher than the national average at 77 per cent.

Sarah Pace, of Wood's Rum, said: "Traditionally the Navy has been the 'silent service' – as an island nation it has been assumed that everyone knows Britain needs a Navy.

"But perhaps the time has come for the Navy to shout about its forgotten contributions and make people better aware of its influence on our national identity.

"There is a willingness to learn and we are trying to play our part in raising awareness of traditions. Rum played an intrinsic part in the Navy's history and therefore that of the country."

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Athletes are excellent

■ BY NICK AMES

YOUNG athletes from across the county received awards at a special ceremony this week to celebrate taking part in the first Kent School Games.

Ten athletes were chosen to receive Sporting Excellence awards to recognise some of the best sporting talent in the county.

The awards also include a bursary to help pay for the some of the cost of training.

After 515 competitions involving more than 30,000 participants, the event was an opportunity for each district to recognise their top athletes who took part in the Kent School Games, organised by Kent County Council.

The games were launched in November last year and were created to involve all schools in the county.

This gave children in school years three to 11 the chance to take part in a major competitive event and experience the enjoyment of physical activities ranging from football, tennis, athletics and archery.

During the gala ceremony at Canterbury High School, the young sportsmen and women were joined by Olympic bronze medal-winning canoeist Ian Wynne, KCC leader Paul Carter, and parents and supporters.

Cllr Carter, who presented the awards, said: "I hope everyone who took part enjoyed themselves, they all worked tremendously hard and should feel very proud of their achievements."

"This first Kent School Games was a great success and I am looking forward to an even



WINNERS: Swimmer Alexandra Adams and gymnast James Hall won awards for their sporting achievements

bigger and better games in 2010."

Mr Wynne, from Tonbridge, took bronze in the kayak 500m race at the Athens Olympics in 2004.

• **Winners of the Sporting Excellence Awards were:**
Alexandra Adams, 14, from Invicta Grammar School, Maidstone, for swimming.

Deanna Cooper, 15, from Fulston Manor School, Sittingbourne, for football.

Francesca Faulkes, 14, from Aylesford School, for tennis.

Jack Green, 16, from Brockhill Performing Arts College, Saltwood, for athletics.

James Hall, 12, from Oakwood Park Grammar School, Maidstone, for gymnastics (men's artistic)

Lewis March, 19, from Archbishop's School, Canterbury, for archery.

Adam Outram, 13, from Leigh Technology Academy, Dartford, for archery.

Ian Payne, 11, from Loose Junior School, Maidstone, for wheelchair tennis.

Alex Torbica, 17, from Maidstone Grammar School, for rowing.

George Torry, 17, from Bennett Memorial School, Tunbridge Wells, for hockey.

Our frogs under threat from deadly disease

TWO lethal diseases are threatening to kill every frog in Kent, according to a leading expert.

London Zoo senior scientist Dr Andrew Cunningham said: "There have been reports in Kent of people waking up and finding their lawns covered in dead frogs."

Killer Chytrid fungus has been found in two parts of the county, one west and one east, in the last two years.

Both are completely wild areas where frogs, toads and newts live.

He added that more worrying is the rapid spread of Ranavirus, which could destroy Britain's entire amphibian population.

He believes people keeping exotic amphibians as pets then releasing them, are probably to blame.

He said people are most likely to see the deaths in their own gardens. "The number of victims is often way in excess of what people thought were living there."

"The virus was most likely introduced by people getting rid of exotic amphibian pets, which then in turn infected the local population. I would urge people not to dump their unwanted pets in the countryside, or even domestic ponds for that matter."

London Zoo has teamed up with the charity Froglife, which has campaigned for amphibian conservation since 1989.

Spokesman Lucy Benyon said: "It is extremely important the amphibian population is protected."

"We are losing literally thousands of frogs and toads a year to these two diseases."

"Now we need people across Kent and the rest of the country to check on their frogs and toads and report back seeing dead ones, particularly if they appear to have skin problems."

"It can be very obvious that a frog was sick before it died."

"I want to also reassure people that these two diseases have no effect on humans."



Volunteer your nomination for a generous helper

WINNERS and highly commended recipients of this year's Kent Volunteers Awards will receive cash prizes to help a voluntary group of their choice – and you can nominate someone.

The competition recognises the contribution of those who work towards helping others for no gain.

For the first time winners in each category

will receive £400 for their chosen voluntary organisation and a pair of theatre tickets, as well as a trophy and certificate. Those who are highly commended will be awarded £250 for a voluntary group, theatre tickets and a certificate, and all receiving awards will be invited to the special gala ceremony in November.

Nominations can be made using the entry forms available at libraries, youth centres, vol-

unteer centres and council offices, or online at www.kent.gov.uk/volunteerawards.

Kent County Council is running the awards for the ninth year in succession with help from local businesses and voluntary groups.

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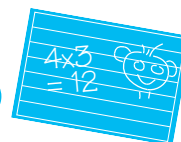
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Young readers to go for gold this summer

AN OLYMPIC-themed reading marathon is taking place across Kent this summer as children limber up for Team Read.

Aimed at children aged between four and 12 years old, the summer reading challenge, organised by Kent County Council, encourages them to read six or more books during the school holidays.

This year's challenge has a sporty theme to tie-in with the 2008 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games and children can join in at any library in the county and receive a holographic membership card and poster to help them get started.

KCC is offering prizes at the bronze, silver and gold stages of the challenge.

To qualify for a bronze medal and a limited edition Find Your Sport bookmark, children must read two books or more.

Those who complete four books or more will win a silver medal, and Find Your Sport yoyos and Frisbees, sponsored by P&O Ferries.

Those who get through six books or more will receive a gold medal and entry into a prize draw for the chance to win one of five family trips to Disneyland Resort Paris, provided by P&O Ferries and Octopus Travel.

To celebrate Team Read, Kent Libraries

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

and Archives are also holding lots of events during the school break.

From a sports extravaganza at Gravesend where visitors can have a go at soccer or fencing, to a kick-boxing event at Stanhope in Ashford, it is hoped that children all over the county will find something to suit them.

Some of the events include:

- Looking Good Feeling Good healthy family fun day. Dover Library and Market Square, August 6 from 10am-4pm.

- Barefoot Storytelling brings a treasure trove of folktales to life. Maidstone Library, August 9 and 30, 2-3pm.

- Bug Hunt: get out and about. See what you can find on a creepy-crawly adventure. Homewood School & Sixth Form College, August 9 and 30, 10am-4pm.

- Let's all Fly a Kite! Be a high-flyer at an exciting kite making session. Charing Library, August 14, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

- Cheerleading. Watch them cheer and try the moves yourself. Stanhope Parish Rooms, August 14, 10am-noon.

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'Outstanding' work with reception year

ST EDMUND'S School has been praised for the way it assesses its youngest pupils.

The private school has been highlighted as an example to other schools and rated 'outstanding' by a Local Education Authority assessor who visited the Wrens, the school's reception class.

Wrens takes children aged four and five years old, and the assessor said teachers' tracking and knowledge of each child's abilities was exemplary.

Janet Frampton-Fell, head of pre-prep at St Edmund's, said: "We are delighted to achieve this accolade from an independent assessor. It shows how well we as teachers are doing in reception, which in turn has important implications for the learning and progress of the children at this vitally important stage of their education."

Annual inspection by local education authorities monitor the way reception classes in all schools are assessed by their teachers.

This year, for the first time, the authorities decided to grade the teachers' performance using the Ofsted grading system.



IN TOUCH: Mrs Frampton-Fell 'delighted' by result

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Summer frolics ruined as storm flies in your face

LIVING in Kent during the hot summer months is, for the best part, a glorious thing.

The miles and miles of coastline, the rolling hills, the picturesque cottages, the striking oast houses, the warm sea breezes... it's all quintessentially British, and when the sun shines it feels like we're not just in the Garden of England but Eden itself. But there is, I fear to report, a blot on our lovely landscape.

Ladies and gentlemen, I present the storm fly. Oh yes, it may only be a few millimetres long and weigh as much as an anorexic's toe nail, but good God above it is an irritating little critter.

Not so long ago, the wasp was the summer menace which could spoil a jaunt in the countryside. Today it is the cursed storm fly – or Thrips – as Wikipedia informs me they are technically referred to. You'd set up the barbecue, lay out the cutlery and no sooner had the first kebab reared into view than Mr Wasp was pulling on his dreaded yellow and black jersey and planning to send us all insane.

Inevitably, you'd be sat with at least one person who would over react; pulling crockery and dishes to the ground as they flapped away at the two centimetre beast and the constant threat of a sting which could, quite literally, make your skin sting for a bit. Even if you stayed cool in the face of the Waspmeister, others would make his presence unbearable.

However, given what I can only assume are cheaper flights in wasp world, we don't seem to get so many these days. Perhaps they've all disappeared over the Channel to terrorise our French cousins? Or maybe they're hiding in the trunks of oak trees plotting a revolution against mankind... I don't know.

Whatever, the storm fly has taken over the reigns and is fast approaching the level of irritation normally only achieved by midges in the Highlands of Scotland – an insect which manages to take one of the most breathtaking parts of the United Kingdom, and make you never want to step foot in the place ever again.

I digress again, however. The storm fly you will be familiar with if you live in a countryside area. You only have to step outside for

about 12 billion of the things to descend on you. You can barely feel them, but feel them you can when they start taking liberties; strolling nonchalantly across your forehead, or making a beeline for the warmth and safety of your nostril or ear-hole.

And even once you've brushed them off, you spend the rest of the day feeling as though they're still crawling over you, turning you into a quivering, twitching wreck.

What's more, our friends at Wikipedia suggest this is only the tip of a whole iceberg repertoire of annoying things. Being small they have a habit of climbing inside watch faces, or even the glass on LCD monitors... then they die and their corpse remains, an indefinite reminder of how very annoying they are.

All of which leads me to the only possible conclusion... let's find those wasps and cut them a deal to call the revolution off. Just as long as they limit the storm fly population.

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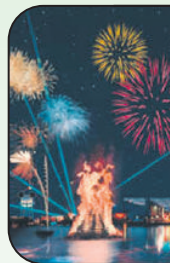


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Visitors to The Science of Survival: Your Planet Needs You! will be challenged to create their own futuristic, sustainable city of 2050, with the help of futuristic guides Eco, Tek, Dug and Buz.

Families visiting the interactive exhibition can design vehicles, build new homes, make super foods, explore ways of finding clean water and imagine how we might live in 2050, working with the Earth's natural resources and facing up to climate change.

Each visitor's creations are stored on their own survival card as they progress through the exhibition until, finally, their neighbourhood rises from the ground and combines with the choices of others to create a futuristic community.

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TALK TIME

YVONNE MEDLEN

The new president of Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions Club discusses the organisation's role in the community



What is the Lions Club and what work does your branch do?

I have been a member for 17 years, first at the Darent Valley club near Dartford, and for the last eight years in Whitstable and Herne Bay.

The club was founded in 1971 – one of 43,000 clubs worldwide, with more than a million members – and is probably best known for running the May Day celebrations and Whitstable Regatta.

Most of the money raised by members in Whitstable and Herne Bay goes back to the community in the form of help for those in need. In the past year support has been given to the Gateway Club, the Joy Lane Autistic Unit, members of the Blind Club have been taken on an outing to Tenterden, computer equipment has been bought for a local blind girl and gardening services provided for an elderly woman. We support the local hospices, riding and sailing clubs for the disabled as well as encouraging local youth organisations.

Are any famous faces Lions?

We are proud to have Hilary Lister as one of our members. Hilary is the yachtswoman who, in 2005, became the first quadriplegic to sail solo across the Channel and at the moment she is attempting to sail solo round the coast of Britain.

Where do you meet?

We meet at the Marine Hotel, Tankerton, on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. New members are always welcome.

YOUR LETTERS



Ground move would alienate supporters

What a ridiculous suggestion to move Kent County Cricket Club's headquarters from Canterbury to closer to London (Club dismiss HQ sale speculation, Yourcanterbury, July 30).

While I have no idea of the breakdown of where fans attending games live in relation to Canterbury, I am convinced the majority are from east Kent.

Should the club decide to move, these fans would surely turn their backs on the side.

London cricket fans already have the palatial palaces of the Oval and Lord's if they wish to attend a county game.

I am pleased Kent has dismissed such talk, but must ask why articles such as that on the website you refer to ever emerge in the first case if they are not true?

Philip Fox,
by email

Sensible to delay in the current climate

There seem to be an awful lot of people concerned about Kent County Cricket Club's St Lawrence Ground plans ready to suggest that any delay means they must be flawed.

I read the article on CricInfo



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referred to in your story last week and it seemed to be nothing other than a thinly veiled

attempt to undermine those who run the club at Canterbury. Surely the truth is that, in a

climate where new developments are being shelved left, right and centre, it only makes sense to delay things until the market stabilises?

After all, this development is crucial for the long-term future of county cricket in Canterbury and were it to go off half-cocked we could all live to regret it.

So let us not be so harsh on the club's plans and support it as it takes sensibly slow steps to provide a fitting arena for the team to build on their undoubted success so far this season.

TD Wright,
Chartham

Match day traffic is a nightmare

I don't see what the fuss is about the cricket ground. Sell it off and build something more useful there, I say.

All it does on match days is create a nightmare in terms of traffic. And when there's an evening game, making a short car journey nearby can take most of the night.

If the powers-that-be want to move it to Beckenham I for one will be hanging out the bunting and bidding it bon voyage.

T Hill,
Canterbury

Trust invites you to take the challenge

The annual Chaucer Challenge cycle ride will be taking place on Sunday, September 14, in aid of the Children's Trust.

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We are asking for more riders to take part this year in order to make this our biggest Chaucer Challenge yet.

What is really great about this event is the feeling of camaraderie between the riders – and maybe some competition.

The event will appeal to experienced road cyclists and also novices who will see this as a personal challenge.

Entry is £22.50 per cyclist, or £105 for a team of five.

To sign up to the Chaucer Challenge – or for more details about sponsoring the event – contact Ceri Owens on 01737 365017; email cycling@thechildrenstrust.org.uk; or visit www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/chaucerchallenge.

All money raised from the Chaucer Challenge will benefit the Children's Trust, a national charity, which provides care, education and therapy to children with multiple disabilities and complex health needs.

Ceri Owens,
Children's Trust

Statue will welcome visitors to what?

The sponsors see the Ebbsfleet statue as a giant "meeter and greeter", but to what?



A Kent in a state of flux, a clamour of foreign tongues, countryside-eating estates, road and rail networks, all overseen by empty churches. No wonder designers fall back on yesterday's icons. Clearer objectives are needed.

The Angel of the North is a poor reference point, representing, as it does, quantity rather than quality, the desire to amplify meagre talent by modern means so widely reflected in popular culture.

So far a handful of designers have been commissioned for Ebbsfleet, no doubt art institute-trained, with institutional answers.

Why was there no open competition, with big prizes? There is plenty of talent out there.

A typical specification should have included green materials, self-powered (where appropriate), secondary useful functions, a viewing gallery and a restaurant.

It is worth noting that the Eiffel Tower was derided as ugly by artists and writers of the day, but Guy de Maupassant took breakfast in its restaurant daily.

Asked why, he replied: "It's the

only place in Paris where I don't have to look at it." Book me a seat.

DC Potten
by email

No debate needed, it has to be Invicta

Of course the only choice for a statue to reflect Kent is a white horse, and, of course, that white horse should be Invicta. There should be no debate.

Anyone who has lived in Kent has been surrounded by the image of Invicta all their life. Yorkshire has the white rose, Lancashire the red – and Kent has Invicta. Enough said.

Christine Wilson,
by email

Only one horse worth backing in this race

I think the Invicta horse is the ideal choice for Ebbsfleet International.

When you think about it, it was the cap badge of one of Kent's famous regiments, the Royal West Kent Regiment. The other was The Buffs, the East Kent Regiment, both served with distinction in two world wars and other conflicts.

Soldiers who served in the West Kent Regiment still wear the badge, even though it's since been amalgamated with other regiments.

FC Marsh,
by email



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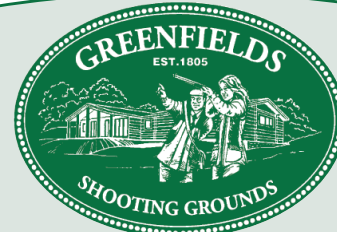
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Fun for all folk

Enjoy a song and dance on the seafront

The highlight of the Broadstairs social calendar will begin this week, offering more than 500 events to suit every taste.

The packed programme for Folk Week includes an array of great artists performing in a variety of styles. According to festival director Jo Tuffs, its diversity is probably the key to the event's success.

"We have lots of small events as well as big headline acts and there's lots of free music in the pubs," she said. "There's music at the bandstand practically all day and there's a big mix of acts. People all have a different type of festival. If you ask a variety of people about it, their experiences would all be different."

Folk Week began life in 1965 as the brainchild of the late Jack Hamilton, who believed Broadstairs was the perfect spot for a celebration of folk music. Over the years it has grown and developed, finding a natural focal point in Pierremont Park and with more people getting involved.

This year's many highlights include Eliza Carthy, the Poozies, Cara Dillon, Dave Pegg and PJ Wright, The Bully Wee Band and Robb Johnson, to name just a few.

There is not just great music on offer - festival-goers will have plenty of opportunities to move their danc-



ing feet at the ceilidhs, Latin and jazz nights.

The fun gets under way at the Pavilion on Friday with Another Look At Country, starring The Mountain Firework Company and Happy Trails.

The Pavilion will also host the last event of the week on August 18, the final ceilidh with The Climax Ceilidh Band and Gordon Potts. There will also be opportunities to get involved in the many workshops, which will focus on song, music and dance styles from across the world. Shoppers will unearth a wonderful array of goodies at the ever-popular craft fair.

The number of people attracted to Broadstairs during Folk Week has been estimated at about 100,000, many of whom simply want to enjoy

the great atmosphere. Mrs Tuffs spoke of the impact that the festival has on the local economy, now that it is such a popular attraction for locals and tourists alike.

"I think it's massively important that it goes ahead," she said. "It's easy for us to say that, but from an economic point of view we know the success of the festival means some businesses can survive the winter."

"It seems to promote a thriving scene in Broadstairs for the rest of the year, such as in pubs, because they know there's an audience."

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Seating is not provided so bring your own chair or rug and a picnic. Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets are priced from £11 to £13.50. To book call 01227 787787 or visit www.marlowetheatre.com.

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Saturday, August 9
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Haydn's Trumpet Concerto will be played by the accomplished Chris Deacon, while the vocal soloist will be Goodnestone-based soprano Juliet Schiemann (also pictured), who has sung at the Royal Opera House, with



English National Opera and Scottish Opera. She also performs regularly with the BBC Concert Orchestra.

The programme will include a mix of John Williams' film music, popular classics and prom stan-

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About 300 people attended the ball wearing masks, stylish ball gowns and tuxedos and there is even more glamour on offer at the Mardi Gras.

Lots of cultures will be brought together at the colourful event where people can enjoy costumed dancers and other entertainment. Exotic models will be passing around the canapés while Britain's Got Talent star Jeremy Lynch will show off his incredible football skills.

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Enjoy some great jazz when teacher plays

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Mixed media display is a truly summer Fiesta

THE work of CT6 Contemporary Art Group can be admired at a gallery in Herne Bay this month.

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Amateur group stage dramatic musical story

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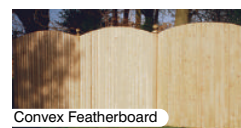
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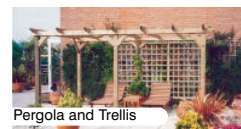
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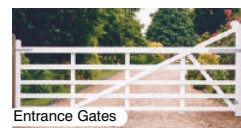
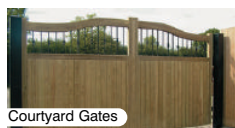
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COUNTDOWN
Channel 4, 4.15pm, weekdays
DRAGON'S DEN
BBC Two, 9pm, Monday

■ BY TOM BETTS

AS news of Carol Vorderman's decision to leave Countdown reverberates around the globe like the fall of the Berlin Wall, it is worth remembering what a fine slice of pre-teatime brain-stretching the show really is.

The glory days of Richard Whiteley's mad sports jackets and monumentally awful puns may have long gone, but it still warrants its air time.

It keeps many students and OAPs out of mischief for 45 minutes each day – and that must not be overlooked.

Indeed, if the double blow of Des O' Connor and the Vord of the Board leaving eventually leads the show to be axed, it could push the senior citizens of this country over the edge.

Expect total chaos – and it will all be Channel 4's fault.

I tell you now, the grey box in the corner is a more powerful tool than you realise...

So, congratulations to Dragon's Den which is fast becoming the most insulting show around.

It's not an easy accolade to lay claim to as long as Simon Cowell is still dispensing bile, but the dragons are having a fine old time ruining dreams and breaking hearts in the current series.

Now a permanent fixture in the schedules and repeated on satellite until the cows come home the den has slowly, but surely, developed into a powerhouse of rudeness.

Ultra tall charmer Peter Jones and



FIRING LINE: BBC2's Dragon's Den doesn't pull any punches with its hopeful entrepreneurs

gym mogul Duncan Bannatyne often dish out the most brutal of business kickings.

The pair think nothing of breaking some would-be entrepreneur's dreams with a few snappy sound-bites and a look of disdain otherwise reserved for serial killers.

It's become a huge success, odd which for a show which is primarily about business – aka televisual poison – and fronted by a man (Evan Davis) who bears an uncanny appearance to Nookie Bear.

One pearler came from the Bann Man.

A young-ish chap was gamely seeking investment for his system of getting kids away from their video games for longer by making them earn tokens to win chunks of screentime, like good little boys and girls.

"I wish you absolute failure on this. I hope it doesn't take off I hope people don't buy it. I think it's ridiculous and I hope it fails," came the Scotsman's less than encouraging response.

Just don't accuse him of sitting on the fence.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

LET a loved one lavish you with affection. Normally, you act like you hate cuddles, kisses, and caresses. Now it's time to let down your guard. If you don't, you'll be depriving your partner of a very important aspect of your relationship. You can't do all the giving and no taking.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU'LL have more time for romance this week, which is music to your ears. Scale back your work and family responsibilities for the sake of a love interest. Other people can take the helm while you're off having fun. Resist the urge to engage in dangerous activities, though.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR wit, charm and sex appeal help you vault over stubborn obstacles. This is a great week to get favours from a romantic partner, bank official, or government official. You'll have more money for luxuries, provided you protect yourself against disasters and emergencies.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A GIFT for public relations could result in a rise or promotion. The powers that be like the way you handle yourself in stressful situation. If you're looking to make a career change, you may want to explore a high profile industry like fashion, film, or entertainment.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

HAVING something meaningful to do makes all the difference to your performance. It's much better for your self-image when you feel comfortable with your responsibilities. A close relationship assumes a more tender aspect. Don't let their needs overshadow your own.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

APPRECIATIVE comments make your ego soar. Let these compliments sink into your bones. Too often, you brush off praise. This can compromise your relationships and damage your ego. A family gathering proves more enjoyable than you anticipate.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

TRUST your instincts with regard to a career matter. Changing industries could give you more time for the activities you love. Don't be afraid to take a pay cut or less prominent position. The change will do you good. Try not to impose your will on a friend.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOUR authoritative personality inspires confidence making this is a great time to take charge of current events at home or work. A job that seems more like play than work could become available. Explore opportunities related to journalism, research, or hospitality.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

THIS is a good time to add items to your professional items. Seek clothes that are both classic and comfortable. An electric attraction between you and an expert is possible. Keep your eye out for someone who doesn't feel bound by norms and conventions.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU may be given a cherished family heirloom. Be sure to put this in a spot where it will always uplift and inspire you. If your troubling memories are attached to this item, you may want to offer it to another relative who will appreciate it. Alternatively, you could sell it.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

MAKING positive changes to an organisation will prove fulfilling. Contrary to popular belief, people can make a difference, so long as they band together. For the past few weeks, you've been busy flitting from one social activity to another. Now you have a chance to rest and relax.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR sex appeal is red hot. It will be easy to lure someone into your web of intrigue. If someone has resisted your charms in the past, that could change this week. Your experience and knowledge is a real turn on. Resist the urge to berate an overbearing man in public.

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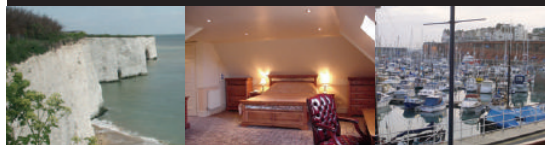
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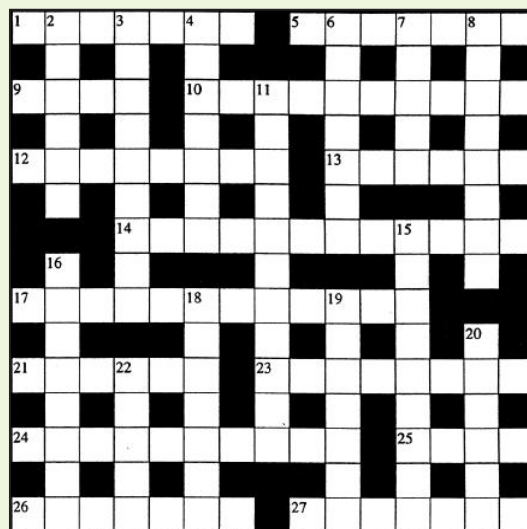
ACROSS

- 1 We cross place where there's no bridge in Ireland (7)
- 5 Again seeking demand (7)
- 9 Musical going to one's head! (4)
- 10 Moroccan white house? (10)
- 12 Watch the firearm (8)
- 13 Sound doctor in control (6)
- 14 Periodical business diary (5,7)
- 17 Strike call at end of innings (9,3)
- 21 Immature animal swallows the lot (6)
- 23 Exaggerated language richer to construct (8)
- 24 Having similar opinions about milk indeed (4-6)
- 25 Some had zeal using tool (4)
- 26 Experience ground shifting energetically initially inside (7)
- 27 It is said to be sweet to get one's own back (7)

DOWN

- 2 Delighted with story brought up to editor (6)
- 3 Juggler who likes hot food? (4-5)
- 4 Cheese, actor it upset (7)
- 6 Stop, amber maybe - go (7)
- 7 Remove the mail (5)
- 8 Islander is upset about Lily not starting (8)
- 11 Almost certain to have translated 'relinquished' (11)
- 15 Restrict beer, that's the logical basis (9)
- 16 One taking six more into a storm flying (8)
- 18 Taking over (7)
- 19 Above, exactly behind (7)
- 20 One cannot go straight along this path (6)
- 22 Some mealie gentleman consumed in Belgian city (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Seriousness (7)
- 5 Austere (7)
- 9 Cain's brother (4)
- 10 Looking towards each other (4-2-4)
- 12 Imagination (5,3)
- 13 Hydrocarbon (6)
- 14 Railway enthusiast (12)
- 17 Small aquarium (8,4)
- 21 Cagoule (6)
- 23 Rendered ineffective (8)
- 24 Quizmaster (10)
- 25 Lazily (4)
- 26 Money saved (4-3)
- 27 Penalty (anag.) (7)

DOWN

- 2 Bunny (6)
- 3 Gave legal force (9)
- 4 Silk fabric (7)
- 6 Repair hastily (5,2)
- 7 Put things right again (5)
- 8 Emphasised (8)
- 11 Without beard or moustache (5-6)
- 15 Vocal (9)
- 16 Estate settled on a wife (8)
- 18 Suspicion (7)
- 19 Jutting stone (7)
- 20 Fanatic (6)
- 22 Replanted (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No47

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No47

- ACROSS: 1 Triple-jump 7 Clam 9 Heatwave
10 Coerce 11 Test-flight 14 Minstrel 15
Cockle 16 Shufti 18 Buttress 20 Qualifying
23 Strike 24 Tolerant 25 Vest 26 Delegation.
DOWN: 2 Reed 3 Pity 4 Exactor 5 Utters 6
Pacific 7 Credit card 8 Alcoholism 12
Silhouette 13 Useful hint 17 Infield 18
Bristol 19 Tagalog 21 Grit 22 Undo.

QUICK SOLUTION No48

- Zealot 22 Reset.
16 Jointure 18 Inking 19 Outcrop 20
Accented 11 Clean-shaven 15 Talkative
3 Validated 4 Taffeta 6 Patch up 7 Refix
Next-egg 27 Apheny 2 Rabbit
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14 Face-to-face 17 Goldfish bowl 21 Anorak
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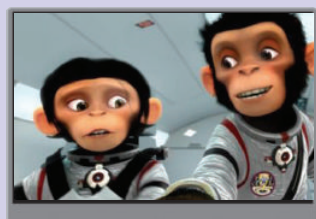
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THE DARK KNIGHT (12A)



With the help of Lieutenant Jim Gordon and District Attorney Harvey Dent, the new 'white knight', Batman has been making headway against local crime... that is until a rising criminal mastermind known simply as The Joker unleashes a fresh reign of chaos across Gotham.

SPACE CHIMPS (U)



When a \$5 billion Space Agency probe disappears into a wormhole, the agency recruits Ham III, grandson of the first chimpanzee in space, to help retrieve the wayward craft. But Ham is more interested in zero gravity high jinks than living up to his illustrious heritage. The simian slacker becomes a reluctant hero and learns the true meaning of courage as he and his crewmates risk everything in an effort to save the inhabitants of a distant planet from an evil dictator.

LOVE GURU (12A)



Pitka is an American who was left at the gates of an ashram in India as a child and raised by gurus. He moves back to the US to seek fame and fortune in the world of self-help and spirituality. His unorthodox methods are put to the test when he must settle a rift between Toronto Maple Leafs star hockey player Darren Roanoke (Romany Malco) and his estranged wife.

A couple to believe in

BY ELLIE GENOWER

Is the truth still out there?

After six years away from the world of the paranormal, alien invasions and spooky phenomena, it seems that now, the answer is a resounding yes, with FBI agents Mulder and Scully back in business with a brand new X-Files movie.

But according to David Duchovny, who returns as Fox Mulder, it feels like they've never really been away.

"I never thought about it ending," he says. "We always had the desire to grow the TV show into a movie franchise. We didn't really want it to end."

"We loved the show, we loved the characters, and we enjoyed working with one another."

Gillian Anderson, who returns as Dana Scully, and who is currently six months pregnant with her third child, agreed to do the film without so much as a glance at the finished script.

She admits of the film, which was co-written and directed by X-Files creator Chris Carter: "We'd had the discussion early on, that were it ever to come to fruition, we'd all be on board for another film. With six years having passed when we'd been doing other things professionally and personally, it felt like good timing."

Hugely successful, The X-Files spawned a movie and ran for nine TV seasons, with viewers in more than 60 countries glued to Mulder and Scully's investigations into unsolved cases involving paranormal phenomena. But shooting the series for ten months a year took its toll on David, who left after eight seasons in 2002.

He admits: "I had to leave because of the time commitment. It was never, 'God, I hate the



GOOD MATCH: David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson have great on-screen chemistry

show! I can't stand working with these people!"

However, David was keen to step back into Mulder's shoes for the film with both agents having left the FBI. Scully – now working as a doctor – and Mulder are living together. But their relationship is tested when FBI agent Dakota Whitney (Amanda Peet) asks Mulder to help investigate the disappearance of a female agent, with the help of psychic

and convicted paedophile, Father Joseph (Billy Connolly).

Gillian says: "Even though we're not working side by side throughout the whole film, there's that intensity between the characters and the thriller storyline at the same time."

The film also sees the resumption of the powerful on-screen chemistry between David and Gillian. Despite the actors having rarely been in contact with each

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other in recent years, they both admit they were able to recreate their characters' special relationship without too much effort.

"The chemistry between David and I is something that is there naturally," Gillian explains. "It has been there despite ourselves, no matter what moods we're in or what was going on in our personal lives."

"No matter how we felt on a particular day – when we were in a scene together, the chemistry was there. There are shades of it in other projects I've done. But there's something different with David and that's the unexplainable bit."

Since The X-Files ended, both David and Gillian have distanced themselves from Mulder and Scully with a variety of different projects. Gillian impressed in Dickensian BBC drama Bleak House while David returned to TV in cult US hit Californication.

So will David and Gillian be interested in opening the X-Files again?

"We'll see," says David. "It works and it can work forever as long as the stories are good," he adds.



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Napoleon's diamond in the rough

BY BELINDA SZONERT

WHEN Napoleon Bonaparte visited Antwerp in 1803, he did not mince his words in describing the city as "the most backward provincial nest I have ever seen".

The story goes that he slept on this thought overnight and the next day – with the invasion of England at the back of his mind – ordered docks to be built. To him the Scheldt, on the banks of which the city stands, looked like a gun barrel aiming at his biggest enemy.

Today's visitors to Antwerp, the second largest city in Belgium, will discover that it is modern, vibrant and full of surprises.

The Dutch have been making Antwerp a popular weekend destination for years, whereas the British usually head for Bruges.

The two have much in common, with beautiful buildings, museums and galleries, and shops selling exquisite, hand-made chocolates.

But Antwerp has another jewel in its crown – the diamond industry. More than 80 per cent of the world's production of rough and industrial diamonds passes through the city, and 50 per cent of all polished stones are traded here.

You will also find the most renowned, specialised diamond cutters and polishers in the world. Visit Diamondland to see craftsmen at work and learn more about the industry.

There are even special packages available for couples looking for that perfect diamond ring – with hotel accommodation thrown in

according to how much your chosen rock will set you back. Chocolate diamonds are also on sale for those without the cash to splash on the real thing.

Art aficionados may prefer to take in the Royal Museum of Fine Arts. Situated in the heart of the trendy southern part of Antwerp, this stately 19th century building houses magnificent works and offers an overview of the history of artistic life in Flanders and Belgium.

Be prepared to be overwhelmed by an impressive collection of baroque works by Rubens and his contemporaries.

The impressive Cathedral of Our Lady dominates the Antwerp skyline. It took 170 years to build and is the largest Gothic church in the Low Countries.

If all this culture leaves you craving some retail therapy, you'll find the city is blessed with a diverse range of stores. Even better, the shopping zones are in the cultural and historic sections of the city. The majestic Meir is said to be the busiest shopping street in Belgium, attracting 240,000 visitors a week.

Lovers of bric-a-brac, old books and prints can go treasure-hunting in the shops along Minderbroedersrui, Hoogstraat and Kloosterstraat, one long street with a huge concentration of stores selling collectibles.

Antwerp is alive with restaurants, bistros and pubs that often feature a regional menu. Belgium is, of course, famed for its beers and the amber-coloured bolleke is a popular choice.

With a wealth of things to see and do, Antwerp is an ideal location for a weekend break.



STREET LIFE: Treasure hunting in beautiful Antwerp

FACT FILE: BELGIUM

Time difference	UK + 1 hour
Capital	Brussels
Population	10.5 million
Currency	Euro (1.2 to £1 approx)
Religion	Catholic
Climate	Temperate
Language	French/Dutch/German

Belinda Szonert was a guest of Tourism Flanders and P&O Ferries. Antwerp is approximately one hour's drive from Zeebrugge.

P&O Ferries Dover-Calais crossings start at £25 each way for car and up to nine passengers, for stays of up to five days. P&O Ferries reservations: 0870 600 9955 and www.poferries.com.

Antwerp has a wide range of accommodation, with double rooms and B&B in budget hotels from around £40. Boutique hotels, like Hotel Julien, a converted townhouse, start at £120. B&B. Double rooms at The Plaza Hotel, in the Diamond District by City Park, start around £90.

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BIRTHS

ALLEN

Stuart and Sarah of Kingsnorth Ashford are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Sofie Louise Allen, born on 23rd June 2008 weighing 6lb 13oz. A sister for Jamie.

BELLISHAM

Jo and Paul of Southborough are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Bethany Rose on 12th July 2008 weighing 9lb 2oz.

BURGESS

Wayne and Sarah of Tunbridge Wells are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Lottie Ann Burgess born 15th July 2008 weighing 6lb 3oz.

BUTCHER

Evie Ethel born on 20th July 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 9lb 7oz. Daughter to Alan and Rachel Butcher of Folkestone.

BYROM

Oscar Dimitri born on 11th July 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Matthew and Charlotte. Brother to Amelia Daisy.

CROUCHER

Kataya Jane Rose born on 28th July 2008 weighing 8lb 12oz. Daughter to Anna and Shane and sister to Jadey.

CROWHURST

Steven and Sarah Crowhurst of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Jorja Louise on 25th July 2008. Welcome, a sister for Samantha, Bethany and Lili-Ann.

GAMAGE

Melody and Simon celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Brooke on 7th July 2008 weighing 7lb 11oz, a baby sister for Phoenix.

GOODMAN

Rob and Zoe Goodman of Golden Green are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Millie Eva Goodman born 23rd July 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz.

HARRISON

Michael and Sarah are pleased to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Amelia Rose on 12th July 2008 weighing 8lb 1oz.

HAYNES

Mackenzie John born on 18th July 2008 at Maidstone Hospital weighing 11lb. Son to Julian and Trina of Larkfield.

HEDAUX

Myles Hedaux born 22nd July 2008, weighing 7lb 14oz. Brother to Richard and Connor from Dover.

HOLDSWORTH-GRANT

Charlie Jon born on 4th July 2008, weighing 9lb 10oz. Son to Ashley and Lee.

HUDSON

Emma Julie Lorraine Hudson born on 19th July 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz. Daughter to Rachael and Gary in Margate

HUMPHREY

Graeme and Yvonne Humphrey of Paddock Wood are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Lucy Grace born 7th July 2008 weighing 7lb 7oz.

JOHNSON

Jamie and Kellie are delighted to announce the birth of their son Frankie Jack born on the 4th July 2008 weighing 8lb 15oz. Our little miracle.

KEENAN

Oliver Keenan, born 16th July 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. Little brother to Cameron Keenan.

LOPEZ

Martin Lopez and Tanya Sharpe celebrate the birth of their son Lucas Alexander on 5th July 2008 weighing 6lb.

MINTER

Vicky Osmond and Jason Minter of Kent celebrate the birth of their son William Gilbert Minter on 23rd July 2008 weighing 5lb 12oz.

MORRIS

Maggie and Mark are delighted to announce the birth of their son George James Scott on 18th July 2008 weighing 7lb 8oz.

PACKER

Alfie Norman born to proud parents James and Angela on 17th July 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 6.5lb.

PHILPOTT

Ellie Louise and Harry Robert born on 24th June 2008. Daughter and Son to Sarah and Mathew of Halling.

QUENAULT

Peter and Naakaa are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Petra Ruth Afua Afriyie on 4th July 2008 weighing 9lb, a baby sister Deedee.

REBBECK

Lee and Samantha are pleased to announce the safe arrival of our son

Harrison on 28th June 2008 at QEQM. 1st grandson born to Pierre and Brenda, Richard and Susan, David and Maureen. Welcome home bumpy.

REES

Darren and Kim Rees celebrate the birth of their son Louie Daniel Stanley on 18th July 2008 weighing 9lb 1oz.

SIMPSON

William Michael born on 17th July 2008, weighing 6lbs. 14oz. Son to Gary and Kelly. Brother to Kayleigh and Lucy.

SMITH

Grace Rose Smith was born on the 14th July 2008 weighing 7lb 3oz to proud parents Hailey Foster and Simon Smith.

STUART

Christine and Francis (Frank) are delighted to announce the birth of their son Eric Francis Edwin Stuart on 14th July 2008, weighing 7lb 3.5oz. We would like to express our appreciation for the superb support received from all the staff in the delivery suite and Romney Ward at Maidstone Hospital.

THOMPSON

Lee and Rebecca of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Pamela Thompson, on 16th July 2008.

TIDY

Chris and Verity are delighted to announce the birth of their second son Albert born on 12th July 2008 weighing 8lb 10oz. A brother for Archie.

WATSON

Jasper born 14th July 2008 weighing 6lb 7oz. Son of Sam and Hannah in Dover.

WHITE

Harrison John White born 24th July 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz. Son to John White and Emma Macmillan. Mummy and Daddys special little boy.

WHITTAKER

Andrew and Lorraine of Gravesend are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Jessie Elizabeth born on 21st July 2008 weighing 6lb 4oz.

WICK

Leo Jay born on 2nd July 2008 weighing 7lb 12oz son to Joseph Wick and Charlotte Hanson.

DEATHS

BARRETT

Nancy Jean Barrett, beloved wife of Charles, mother of Jane and Peter passed away on 21st July 2008 aged 87.

FLETCHER

Sydney John Fletcher of Wouldham passed away peacefully on 28th July 2008. Enquiries to W Naylor and Son Rochester, 01634 843143.

GARRETT

Florence Emily Garrett (Flo) of Maidstone passed away on 28th July 2008. Enquiries to Family Funeral Service, Beverley Road, Barming on 01622 725704.

GOODE

Julie Ann passed away peacefully on 26th July 2008. Will be sadly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

HEWITT

Albert (Ticker) of Leigh peacefully passed away on 25th July 2008 aged 89 years. Funeral at Leigh Church on 18th August at 12.30pm, no flowers donations for Leigh Hall to Ord-Hume of Tonbridge.

HILDER

Winifred May 21st November 1921 to 23rd July 2008. Passed away peacefully in her sleep. Never forgotten, in our hearts forever

HOSKINS

Ronald Hoskins of Maidstone passed away peacefully on 18th July 2008. Beloved father and grandfather.

HURST

Vera died peacefully in Tunbridge Wells on Sunday 27th July 2008. Loving Mother to Barry, Susan and Carole. Funeral arrangement contact Hickmotts 01892 522462.

JEFFERY

Joan Susan Alice Jeffery of Maidstone passed away on 24th July 2008. Enquiries to Michael Lawrence on 01622 661678.

MILLS

Lilian May of Maidstone passed away peacefully on 17th July 2008, aged 82.

NISBET

Hugh Herd Nisbet of Ashford passed away peacefully at his home on the 24th July 2008 in the presence of his sons Alex and David and their families. Now at peace with wife and mother, Molly.

NOBLE

Alexander Arthur Noble (Jock) of Broadstairs (previously of Fife Scotland) retired Chief Nursing Officer, St Augustines Hospital, passed away on 22 July 2008.

PETTITT

Dennis John Pettitt of Tovil passed away peacefully at Maidstone Hospital on 23rd July 2008. Anyone wishing to attend the funeral

please contact Alex on 07960 982073. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever and ever.

RUSSELL

Leslie John Richard Russell of Maidstone passed away peacefully after a long illness on 24th July 2008, aged 61. Sadly missed by his loving children and family.

TAYLOR

Kenneth Taylor of Platts Heath, Kent passed away peacefully after a long illness on 21st July 2008 aged 71. His smile will never be forgotten.

WRIGHT

Paul Frederick (Fred), formerly of Exeter, lately of Ramsgate, passed away peacefully on 25th July 2008, aged 67. Donations please to the Pilgrims Hospice in Thanet.

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PROPERTY NEWS

County dismisses extra homes idea

SUGGESTIONS from an independent body that the Government should increase its house-building programme have been given short shrift at County Hall.

Kent County Council is urging ministers to reject the latest call to build more homes in the south.

Cabinet member Cllr Roger Gough said enough homes for the next 20 years were already planned.

He was speaking after the National Housing and Planning Advice Unit, an independent body set up by the Government, recommended housing stock should be increased by between 18 and 55 per cent to between 37,800 and 49,700 homes a year.

This compares with 28,900 homes a year in the draft South East Plan, which emphasises growth areas around Ashford and along the Thames estuary.

Cllr Gough said: "We have a set of numbers that have already been through a lengthy and rigorous process as part of the South East Plan and we should stick to them."

"We already have the key infrastructure for these homes either in place or planned over the next 20 years. It would be wrong to add to the pressure on Kent and other parts of the South East at this stage."

"The increase recommended by this agency seems disproportionate to our needs. We should be very wary of the Government taking this seriously."

Down from London

PROPERTY market experts say an influx of London wealth could raise property prices in Ashford.

The town's housing market is expected to benefit as the high-speed rail link moves closer, pushing prices much higher than they now are – just above the regional average – to something rivaling those seen in and around towns such as Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks.

The price is right

MADELEINE Rose estate agents are selling a five-bedroom listed house in Kenardington for £599,950 that has all the features you'd want from a traditional Kentish home.

It is only seven miles from Ashford, but if it was nearer to Tunbridge Wells, the asking price would be nearer seven figures, according to market analysts.



FIRST RESORT: A national survey has identified Broadstairs as one of the top coastal towns for property buyers who want reasonable prices and genuine atmosphere

Sun, sea, sand – and the salt of the earth

LOW property prices and the resort's popularity with families – who appreciate its sandy beaches – have led to Broadstairs being named as one of the top coastal towns in which to buy property, according to a national survey.

Experts say its down-to-earth image is also a plus, in contrast with other towns which have become fashionable among people who want a quick trip to a not-to-dissimilar alternative to London. And its price range has meant it is gaining ground on hot spots such as Whitstable.

"People like somewhere that isn't Notting

■ BY NICK AMES

Hill-on-Sea and has retained its atmosphere," said Charles Bainbridge, partner at Colebrook Sturrock, which has offices across east Kent.

He said those in search of quieter beach life head to Joss Bay, which is popular with local surfers; Kingsgate Bay, where steps makes pushchair access tricky; and Viking Bay.

Analysts say prices are relatively low. People can pick up a basic one-bedroom flat in town for about £100,000 and a four or five-bedroom semi or detached house for £250,000.

Ancient Lights, a three-bedroom Edwardian maisonette overlooking the pier, is on the market for £495,000.

By contrast, it is difficult to buy a beachside house in Whitstable for less than £500,000.

"It's a good bet for investment over the next five to 10 years," Mr Bainbridge said.

"Along with the rest of the Kent coast, Broadstairs is likely to benefit from improvements in rail services from December next year, which will see domestic services travelling at 140mph down the high-speed line from London St Pancras to the Channel tunnel, used so far only by Eurostar."

The survey reflects market findings that the downturn in the property market has been felt less in Kent than in other parts of the UK because of the area's excellent transport links and proximity to London.

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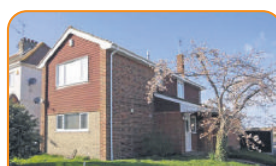
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-£310,000



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 - 4 bedrooms
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- Lovely corner plot
 - 2 bedrooms
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-£269,950



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- Individual 4 bedroom property
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- Deceptive family home
 - 3 good sized bedrooms. End of Chain
 - Sought after location close to seafront
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- 3 bed semi detached house
 - Situated on a corner plot
 - Larger than average garage
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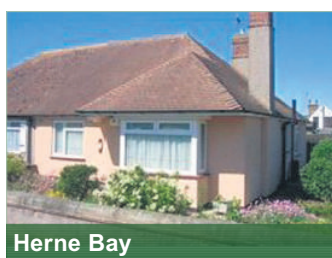
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- Extended 3 bed semi detached house.
 - Popular location.
 - Well looked after throughout
-£195,000 - £205,000



Beltinge

- Extended 3 bed house
 - Located in the popular Beltinge village
 - No onward chain
-£184,995



Herne Bay

- Popular Location
 - Corner Plot
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 - Central location
-£115,000

MOTORS NEWS



KAP goes Orbital with opening of its new site

KAP Motor Group completes a 50 per cent expansion on Friday with a £3 million state-of-the-art dealership at the fast-expanding Orbital Park, Ashford.

It features a 10-car Peugeot showroom, eight-car Nissan outlet, space for 80 used vehicles outside, plus ample customer and staff parking.

KAP MD, Graham Furneaux said: "This marks a substantial expansion for us, the creation of jobs and, most of all, a 'thank you' to the many loyal customers in Ashford and the surrounding area who have bought cars from our Folkestone site and have been happy to keep coming back. Now they have a brand new facility plus KAP customer care on their doorstep."



Everything's all-white at London Motor Show

ECO green was the theme at London's British International Motor Show London, which closed at the weekend, but white cars dominated many stands.

The former favourite with 80s and early 90s boy racers had been ousted by silver, grey and blue until recently – registrations of white cars rose 61 per cent in 2006.

It will get a further lift from the 60 examples displayed at the show where the colour proved particularly popular for eye-catching eco-friendly concept cars such as Nissan's cute Denki Cube (pictured).



ECONetic Fiesta boosts Ford's green credentials

FORD will soon launch Britain's greenest family car – the ultra-frugal ECONetic version of the all-new Fiesta, capable of averaging 76.3mpg and emitting a road tax-exempt CO2 figure of 98g/km.

These figures alone are enough to create a stampede for the ECONetic, priced from £11,800, but the new Fiesta generally is also a smart and sporty little number well capable of boosting a recent revival of Ford sales to private buyers when it goes on sale later this year.



TOP MARQUE: For under £20,000 you can have a well-built Mercedes-Benz C-Class saloon with quality that is far superior to the old Sport's Coupé upon which it is based

Merc's old wine in new bottle leaves a smoother aftertaste

MERCEDES-BENZ has pulled a packaging stunt beloved by the wine trade – and just about got away with it.

For the muscular new Mercedes-Benz CLC looks like a coupé based on the latest highly competent C-Class saloon, when it is really a 're-bottled' Sports Coupé based on the previous C-Class.

But the German marque points out that only the roof and doors survive from the old car and more than 1,000 components are new, while the driving experience is more in keeping with its bolshier styling.

But while the CLC deserves a second look for credibility, although there is an all-new rival BMW 1-Series Coupé as a trendy alternative, it rates even closer inspection for pricing; for less than £20,000, you can have a Merc coupé with all the brand cachet, without apologising for its looks or handling.

And this is a genuine four-seat coupé, as proved by Driving's trip to the Motor Show in London (see www.carsforkent.co.uk for our coverage).

ROAD TEST MERCEDES CLC

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Yours truly was at the wheel with a three-man Motors TV video crew aboard plus two cameras and other gear tucked beneath the rear hatch.

The little Merc coped with everything thrown at it in terms of comfort too, apart from the air con failing to cope with 'four-up' on a hot humid day.

Having proved that the CLC could deal with a motorway commute even when fully laden, I later tackled some country roads and discovered how much the old Sports Coupé's flabby ride quality and cornering had been sorted; this revised car copes better and even the relatively modest 122bhp of the test car – a 150bhp version of the same 2,148cc turbodiesel is the likely best-seller – made the CLC feel lively and assured.

The coupé also seems well-built and standard kit is reasonable though not overly generous, probably to keep the CLC below that psychological £20,000 barrier, but the M-B marketing machine has been astute with the options packages and our car had the £1,050 five-speed auto 'box with steering wheel gearchange 'paddles', plus cruise control – worth thinking about.



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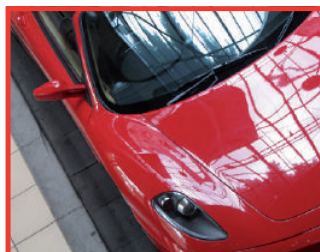
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HYUNDAI COUPÉ



ONCE Hyundai sorted out the styling and quality glitches of early generations, the Korean brand's 'reliable budget four-seat coupé' proposition was bound to take off. The latest coupé is beefier and smarter and confirms what great value the car is. The chassis cannot rival the Toyota Celica, but delivers great fun with modest outlay. For 0-60mph in 8.2 seconds, there is also the 2.7 V6 version. You may also find a car with some of Hyundai's five-year warranty still intact.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

TOYOTA CELICA



DESPITE a drippy name, the last (seventh generation) Celica – at least for now – is a class act that justifies some extra investment. It was a sophisticated drive, yet still very practical with good seating for four plus a useful rear hatchback and load area. The styling is timeless, so it doesn't matter that this version was launched in 2000. Best of all, it has a range of free-revving engines, great chassis and built-in Toyota reliability – an unsung hero.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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AUDI TT



SEEMINGLY out of nowhere, Audi created the retro-styled TT Coupé – an instant classic evoking the lines and spirit of the great pre-war Auto Union racers. The chic retro theme continues inside the car, which is beautifully made. The original TT's only weakness was a chassis that failed to reach the high standards of contemporaries like the Porsche Boxster, but the blend of fun, style and image is hard to beat at really quite affordable prices now for most versions.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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2005	05	Corsa Breeze	12	3	Silver	34,700	5,595
2006	06	Corsa SXi Plus	12	3	Metro blue	15,000	6,150
2007	07	New Corsa Life	12	3	Silver lightening	12,100	6,995
2007	57V	New Corsa Club A/c	12	3	Star silver	5,950	7,995
2007	57	New Corsa SXi CDTi	17D	5	Star silver	8,800	10,995
2008	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	13 D	3	Star silver	5,650	9,275
SIGNUM							
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	22	5	Oyster	50,375	5,495
2003	53	Signum Elegance Auto	22	5	Star silver	36,500	5,995
2004	04	Signum Elegance Auto	22	5	Silver	34,850	6,995
2007	57	Signum CDTi Exclusiv Nav 19D	5	5	Star silver	9,950	14,995
MERIVA							
2007	57	Meriva VXR	16	5	Arden blue	2,680	12,495
2008	08	Meriva Breeze	14	5	Black sapphire	3,550	9,995
OTHER VAUXHALL MODELS							
2007	57	VXR8 Sat Nav	6.0	4	Phantom Black	6,775	31,995
ASTRA							
2000	52*	Astra Club 8v	16	5	Classic green	59,450	2,695
2003	53F	Astra Elegance Estate	22	5	Star silver	42,000	4,995
2005	54*	Astra CDTi Sri X pack	19D	5	Silver lightening	75,825	6,995
2005	05	Astra Club	14	5	Star silver	30,700	6,995
2005	05	Astra Design Estate	16	5	Silver lightening	25,250	6,995
2006	06	Astra SXi Sports hatch	14	3	Silver lightening	28,650	8,995
2007	07	Astra Auto Design	18	5	Moonland	11,000	8,995
2007	57	Astra Elite Auto	18	5	Star silver	13,850	9,995
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2003	53*	Zafira Elegance DTi	2.0	5	Black sapphire	66,350	5,995
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2007	07	Zafira Club	1.8	5	Star silver	8,900	8,995
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2004	54	Vectra Energi Estate	1.8	5	Black sapphire	42,850	5,995
2005	05	Vectra Sri	2.2	5	Star silver	30,550	7,295

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DEMONSTRATORS							
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To provide full clerical and administrative support to the activities of the LINK, its Members / Participants, LINK Development Worker and, if appropriate, LINK Project Worker(s).

We are looking to engage highly motivated people who have experience in all areas of administration. Duties will include co-ordinating diaries and appointments, arrangements for LINKS Members / Participants and other LINK Workers, also to act as a point of contact. Candidates must have the ability to work within a team and on their own initiative with minimal support. Excellent keyboard skills and computer literacy is required and you will have experience of working in a busy administrative environment with good organisation, time management skills together with an accurate and systematic approach.

Closing date for expressions of interest: **Monday, 11 August 2008**

For an information pack, please contact info@kmn-ltd.co.uk or telephone 01303 297050.

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Reporting to the Senior Housing Officer, you will be part of our Housing Register Team and must preferably have specialist knowledge of the housing register and allocations process, including allocation legislation and case law.

The post holder will support the day-to-day operation of the Housing Register and its database; undertake a range of housing advice duties and related projects in relation to delivery of the Housing Register Service to partner agencies and applicants.

We welcome applications for flexible working arrangements.

In addition to salary, we can offer you a generous annual leave allowance, paid bank holidays, Local Government final salary pension scheme and flexi time working for most posts.

For further information contact Human Resources, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT. Telephone (01795) 417414 (24 hour voice mail) quoting Ref 325HO9.

E-Mail: hr@swale.gov.uk Website: <http://jobs.swale.gov.uk>

Closing date: 15 August 2008
Interviews: w/c 25 August 2008



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Application Configuration Technician (Ashford, Kent)

As our business grows and develops the newly formed Configuration Services Department is becoming extremely busy providing bespoke system configuration to our customers across the UK. In order to fulfil this demand the department has a need to expand its team. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual with the ability to provide strong technical skills coupled with a true willingness to go the extra mile for our customers.

Duties will include software configuration and documentation of our own bespoke software for which training is given.

We are open-minded about qualifications and experience appropriate to this post but good IT awareness and strong communication skills are a must. We are looking for an enthusiastic individual who has a passion for learning. The successful applicant will be equally comfortable working on their own initiative as they are being part of a team and will be someone who can bring new ideas and a creative approach to the role. SQL knowledge would be an advantage.

The role requires extensive travel throughout the UK and Eire therefore candidates must hold a full UK driving licence.

Starting Salary: £17-21K (depending on experience and qualifications)

Other Benefits: A fully expensed company car, 5% pension contribution (both after the probationary period) and 25 days annual leave.

Please send your CV and covering letter to our HR department at the address on the left or by e-mail to: recruitment@adastra.com

Closing Date: 15th August 2008

Interviews: Week commencing 1st September 2008



COMPANY ACCOUNTANT

An established produce importer/distributor, based Kent, is seeking a Company Accountant, preferably qualified.

Please contact: - Mr. Joe Friel, at Auditors, c/o Williams Giles on (01795) 478044.

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With campuses in Ashford, Folkestone and Dover, South Kent College offers a wide range of courses from Entry Level to Level 7 and caters for over 10,000 students of all ages.

We currently have the following opportunities:

Emergency Learning Support Assistant S2148
Ashford
37 hours per week

You will provide emergency LSA assistance with the learning experiences of identified individual students who are attending the full range of courses at the College. You will have at least two years recent experience as an LSA in FE and GCSE's (or equivalent) in English and Maths Grades C or above.

Motorcycle Technician S2149
Dover
18.5 hours per week

Working as a member of the Kent Motorcycle Technology Centre to deliver a co-ordinated, integrated learning programme, you will support staff and students in the day-to-day running of the workshops.
Closing date Friday 15th August 2008.

New Start Learning Advocate S2147
Ashford
26 hours per week

You will provide assistance with the learning experiences of students within the New Start Centre and assist students with reading, writing or verbal communication as required. GCSE's (or equivalent) in Maths and English Grades C or above are required.

New Start Lecturer T1340
Ashford
37 hours per week

You will teach units of an entry level 3 qualification to groups of students aged 14-16 who have emotional and behavioural difficulties, and prepare and deliver outdoor educational activities. The major focus of the post is to improve behaviour and basic skills to enable students to access mainstream college courses in year 11.

Lecturer in Spanish T1345
Folkestone
2 hours per week (Maternity cover until 30th September 2009)

Lecturer in Hairdressing T1348
Ashford
37 hours per week (Maternity cover until 31st October 2009)

You will deliver City & Guilds NVQ Hairdressing Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+ and deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon-based teaching sessions. Five years recent industrial experience is essential and an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Hairdressing.

Lecturer in Beauty Therapy T1347
Ashford
18.5 hours per week (Maternity cover until 31st July 2009)

You will deliver City & Guilds NVQ Beauty Therapy Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+ and deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon based teaching sessions. Five years recent industrial experience is essential, and an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Beauty Therapy.

Variable Lecturers T1339
Ashford/Dover/Folkestone

We are currently looking for Variable Lecturers in the following areas to join a bank of staff: Wood Occupations, Catering, Sports, New Start and Early Years. Both hourly paid and salaried roles are also available in Bricklaying and Plastering.
Closing date Tuesday 19th August 2008.

The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm, Tuesday 12th August 2008 unless otherwise stated.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit: www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.

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The Meadows Children Centre, Maidstone

In the context of the Government's agenda of rolling out children's centres to cover the country, Kent County Council is seeking to appoint one full-time qualified early years teacher to work in support of The Meadows Children Centre, Maidstone. This exciting opportunity will involve working alongside early education and childcare providers in all sectors to promote and support the highest quality care and learning opportunities for children from birth to five.

You will be an outstanding and experienced practitioner, possessing excellent interpersonal and communication skills as these will be crucial to achievement in this significantly multi-agency, cross sector environment. Ref: CFE/08/0334.

Closing date: Midday, 8th August 2008.

Emergency Planning Officer

£20,061 - £29,920 Salary dependent on experience and
progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfilment of
required competencies

Invicta House, Maidstone

Do you have good communication skills and have the ability to motivate others? Do you have the confidence to work with senior colleagues from a wide variety of organisations and disciplines, helping to take forward plans for dealing with major emergencies in the county?

As an Emergency Planning Officer, you will work with other team members on a range of projects, helping to shape the way that we plan for, and respond to, significant challenges. This includes taking a lead on various areas of work, liaising with managers in other teams and organisations and researching new topics and hazards. You will also need to play a part in the response to major emergencies, helping to make sure that the County Council carries out its role swiftly and effectively.

The role of an Emergency Planning Officer covers a mix of planning, training and responding, and we are looking for someone who can bring their skills, experience or knowledge in any of these to the team, and who is looking for a role that, while largely office based, offers variety and interest.

You must be able to travel within, and sometimes beyond, the county, and be prepared to work outside normal office hours on occasion. Ref: CMY/08/0184

Closing date: Midday, 18th August 2008

Childcare Development Officer

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related
pay to £26,159 per annum
Kroner House, Ashford

We have a vacancy for a Childcare Development Officer in the Folkestone area. The purpose of this job is to promote and support the expansion of existing early years and out of school group childcare provision and the development of new provision.

You will have an NVQ Level 3 in Early Years and/or childcare and/or play work (or equivalent) or a qualification in business and finance as well as experience of working in a group childcare setting.

You will also possess experience with funding applications, business and financial plans within an advisory and supportive capacity.

Working in a multi-agency environment, you will have good communication skills and the ability to work effectively and sensitively with the widest range of colleagues. Ref: CFE/08/0344

Closing date: Midday, 11th August 2008.

Education Welfare Officer

Starting salary £20,061, with progression through contribution related
pay to £22,825 per annum
Kroner House, Ashford

We are currently looking for a person to join our new LCSP team. Education Welfare Officers work with schools, families and pupils to promote regular school attendance. The work is challenging and requires the ability to work independently as well as being a good team member.

You will receive in service training, regular supervision, and team support in your work with schools, pupils, their families and other agencies. The ability to travel is required as visiting schools and homes etc is essential to the work. Ref: CFE/08/0335

Closing date: Midday, 7th August 2008

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Learning Support Construction and Key Skills 08/92
18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks Term time, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

The closing date for the above post is Monday 11 August 2008 at 12 noon.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Staff Discount Scheme

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Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care 04/94

18.5 hours per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based 07/87

37 hours per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 per annum

Learning Support Independent Living & Leisure Skills 08/82

18.5 hours per week, 38 weeks term time, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

Supply Learning Support Independent Living & Leisure Skills S.I.LL

Various hours available, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

Lecturer HE Building Surveying 07/28

9.25 hours per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer in Media Theory 08/53

18.5 hours per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer – Computer Games and Interactive Media 08/54

18.5 hours per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Journalism 08/55

18.5 hours per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 11 August 2008 at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Close to City Centre
- Staff Discount Scheme

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Discover your Potential

Mid-Kent College of Higher & Further Education is one of the largest providers of Further Education in Kent. At a time of unprecedented change we are seeking to recruit in the following areas:



Lecturer in Healthcare Ref: P0485
(1 year fixed term contract & Permanent)
Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

The post-holder will be involved in the delivery and teaching of Healthcare and childcare programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare and childcare environments and have or be willing to work towards a teaching qualification within a specified timeframe.

Lecturer in Public Services Ref: P0398
Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

We are seeking to recruit a Lecturer to teach on a range of BTEC and school links programmes. The successful candidate will have experience in Public Services and have a recognised teaching qualification. The department will also consider applications from candidates without a teaching qualification although this will be reflected in the grading.

College Information Services Officer Ref: P0566
Salary: Circa £21,000
(Depending on qualifications & experience)

As a CIS Officer you will have responsibility for the central administration system, reporting, monitoring, control and evaluation service for all aspects of the College's register system and Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). You will be able to demonstrate good attention to detail, excellent word and excel skills and be able to work under pressure.

Closing date: Friday, 15 August 2008
Interview: Wednesday, 20 August 2008

Senior Technician in Electrical Engineering Ref: P0631
Salary: Circa £16,199 - £20,997
(Depending on qualifications & experience)

The successful candidate will carry-out technician duties, assist tutors and learners in all practical aspects of electrical engineering and co-ordinate work across the department. You will possess a suitable higher level qualification in electrical engineering and have proven experience in a relevant electrical field.

Sessional Counsellor Group Facilitator Ref: AU01
Hourly Rate: £28.28 (including holiday component)

We are looking for an experienced, qualified Humanistic Counsellor with group facilitation skills. This is an hourly paid post for 1 hour per week as part of Humanistic Diploma.

Personnel Assistant Ref: P0455
Salary: £15,057 - £18,534
(Depending on qualifications & experience)

An opportunity has arisen for a Personnel Assistant who will provide support to managers and staff in accordance with College policies and procedures and undertake administration and clerical work associated with the Personnel and Payroll department. Attention to detail and a good working knowledge of word and excel is essential. Ideally the successful candidate will have 5 GCSEs at Grades A* - C or equivalent and have or be willing to work towards a recognised personnel/HR qualification.

Departmental Administrator Ref: P0108
Salary: £11,599 to £16,199

The candidate will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge of administration procedures and have excellent organisational and IT skills. Due to the nature of the role the successful candidate will be required to work independently and relevant secretarial qualifications would be advantageous.

Aim-Higher Co-ordinator Ref: P0632
(30 hours per week, term-time)
Salary: £17,861 - £22,907 pro-rata

We are seeking to appoint an Aim-Higher Co-ordinator on a 3 year Fixed term contract ideally starting 1 September 2008. The successful candidate will arrange, develop and deliver activities which will increase aspiration to, and awareness of, opportunities in Higher Education and progression routes amongst learners currently enrolled at Mid-Kent College and to lead in the support offered to learners with their applications into HE through the UCAS process.

Technician in Art & Design Ref: P0299
Salary: £15,057 - £18,534

We are looking to appoint a Technician to provide support for staff and students with day-to-day Art & Design activities. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of Art & Design and previous experience in the Art & Design field would be advantageous.

Closing date: Friday, 15 August 2008
Interviews: TBC unless stated above

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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You will have a proven background in delivery of ICT services using ITIL standards to a large organisation. Your approach is strategic but practical, using the latest technologies but not forgetting value for money. Your communication skills will enable you to work with all levels of technical ability plus motivate your team to strive for and achieve success.

You will have the opportunity to work with an exciting team to explore new ideas for the use of technology to deliver services, plus working with other partners and agencies delivering joint solutions.

Please quote job reference: 1195

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms: 12 noon on Friday 8 August 2008
Interviews will take place on: Wednesday 20 August 2008

We prefer applications on-line. For further details of this position and all our latest opportunities and to apply on-line, visit our website at www.canterbury.gov.uk/jobs or e-mail jobs@canterbury.gov.uk. If you are unable to access the internet, telephone 01227 862 072 (24 hour answerphone).

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Medway Adult Learning has the following vacancies:



Curriculum Managers

Salary: LNFA scale points 4-15 (£20,339-£32,744 pro rata) Location: Gillingham Centre
We are looking to recruit two curriculum managers to develop, plan, monitor and review a programme of courses within agreed targets and to ensure effective quality improvement.

• Health, public services and care; Education and training Job ref: CA0161L

Hours: 27.75 hours per week plus additional hours up to 37 hours per week relating to Train to Gain activity

• Retail and commercial enterprise; Social Sciences Job ref: CA0162L

Hours: 7.4 hours per week
Qualified teacher status and a management qualification, or relevant experience, are essential together with up-to-date knowledge of legislation and developments within the relevant sector(s). Good interpersonal, communication and organisational skills are required together with a competent use of ICT.

For an informal discussion relating to these posts please contact Sohini Patel, 01634 338343, sohini.patel@medway.gov.uk

To apply for the above jobs

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phone **01634 333333** Mon to Fri 8am – 8pm, Sat 9am – 1pm.
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Course leader, Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) in association with Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) Job ref: CA0163E



Salary: LNFA Scale points 4-8 (0.15 FTE pro-rata) (£20,339-£24,855 per annum pro-rata)

Location: Rochester Centre

A part-time (0.15 fte) course leader is required to take overall responsibility for the DTLLS programme by organising and supervising tutorial support for learners and the observation of teaching; communicating with tutors, mentors and learners to ensure effective delivery of the programme; liaising and attending meetings with CCCU and ensuring that assessment of learners meets CCCU's quality assurance criteria.

The successful applicant will hold an initial teacher training qualification, preferably for teaching adults (Cert.Ed. or equivalent);

substantial experience of teaching as well as evidence of continuing professional development and recent experience of delivering teacher training courses and assessing observed teaching practice. They will also have excellent oral and written communication skills.

Professional Development Centre vacancies from September:

Salary: LNFA Scale point 8 – £31.24 per hour
Hours: vary according to the planned course
Location: Medway

• Sessional teacher trainers – DTLLS (L5/6)

Job ref: CA0164E

Teacher trainers with experience of working in HE, are required on the Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) delivered in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University.

• Personal tutors/assessors – DTLLS (L5/6)

Job ref: CA0165E

Personal tutors and assessors are required to carry out tutorials and observations of candidates on the programme, and marking assignments.

• Sessional teacher trainers – PTLLS (L3/4)

Job ref: CA0166E

Trainers are required for the Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers. The role includes delivery of the course as well as assessment of candidates' work.

Sessional teacher trainers

– C&G 9297 Job Ref: CA0167E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 – 3 £18.97 - £24.32 ph
Hours: vary according to the planned course
Location: Medway

Teacher trainers are required on the Certificate in Learning Support course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers with Literacy / Numeracy / ESOL teaching qualifications.

Part time sessional tutor vacancies from September:

Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 – 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Hours: vary according to the planned course
Location: Medway

Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTLLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway.

• Skills for life Job ref: CA0168E

ESOL, English, Maths

• Family literacy, language and numeracy

Job ref: CA0169E

Play and Language co-tutors

ESOL tutors to teach 'Keeping up with the Children'

• Wider family learning Job ref: CA0170E

First aid, belly dancing, looking after your finances, safe surfing computing, fitness.

• Modern foreign languages Job ref: CA0171E

Modern Greek, Latin, Japanese, Hindi, French (advanced), Italian (daytime).

• ICT Job ref: CA0172E

ICT at all levels, AutoCAD, iTQ, Computing for ESOL.

• GCSEs Job ref: CA0173E

Human Biology, maths, sociology, economics, business studies, law, psychology.

• NVQs Job ref: CA0174E

Health & Social Care (adults) up to level 3 or 4.

• Beauty, health and fitness Job ref: CA0175E

Cosmetic make-up C&G 3020 level 2, facials, make-up, nail art, spa manicure, waxing, homeopathy, counselling to level 2, fitness for the older person, body conditioning, fitness, pilates, golf.

• Cookery Job ref: CA0176E

Indian, Thai, Mediterranean.

• Fine art, crafts and performing arts

Job ref: CA0177E

Drawing and painting - watercolour, life drawing, portrait drawing and painting, photography C&G level 2, Jewellery design, interior design, line dancing, singing, keyboarding, ceroc dancing, tap dancing.

• Health and safety Job ref: CA0178E

Fire safety/awareness, first aid, COSHH.

• Business Job ref: CA0179E

Manual bookkeeping and accounts, computerised accounts to level 2, Sage Payroll.

• Other subjects Job Ref: CA0180E

RYA Dayskipper, gardening, Egyptology, philosophy, tourism.

Part time assessor vacancies for the iTQ award from September:

Job ref: CA0181E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 3 £12.16 per hour
Hours: Vary according to the planned course
Location: Medway

Assessors for iTQ award – must have vocational IT qualification and experience and be prepared to travel within Medway.

For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk.

Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.

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Please contact Personnel Department for an application form/informal chat: **Cheesmans Farmhouse, Alland Grange Lane, Manston, Kent, CT12 5BZ 01843 823762**

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Quality Assurance and Diversity Support Manager

£29,245 - £32,917 pa

Driving our College towards a single equality scheme, you will work closely with the Director of Quality and Auditing, leading our strategic plan on improving our overall performance. Keeping regular updates on our equality and diversity action plan, you will ensure that all legal requirements are met. In addition, you will liaise with the HR department, students, stakeholders and managers, updating policies and procedures ensuring that a performance improvement culture is developed and maintained throughout our College.

Skills for Life Lecturer

£24,028 - £31,709 pa

We are looking for a lecturer who can confidently teach 16-18 year olds key skills, such as literacy and numeracy. This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a growing and developing team who are dedicated to teaching skills for life in a modern and relevant way.

Business Administration Lecturer

0.6fte, £14,441 - £19,025 pa

We are looking for a lecturer to join our highly successful and established Business Administration team. You will be teaching a wide variety of subjects including business and legal administration, customer service, team leading and computing.

Graphic Design Lecturer

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IF YOU CAN REACH, TAKE ME OFF THE SHELF!
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Single mum, 32, 5'2", WLTW someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670 **✉**

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Laid-back yet outgoing nurse, 33, 5ft2, tallish, happy, love swimming, the gym, seeking similar down-to-earth male, 35-50, for hopeful relationship. Box 442916 **✉**

ANIMAL MAGIC!
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I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177 **✉**

MAKE ME LAUGH
Lovely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 440304 **✉**

ATTRACTION & SATISFACTION
Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205 **✉**

CAN YOU BE MY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR?
Young looking 40yr old, 5ft7, green eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals, cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeks honest, loyal, good-looking male 35-45 with similar interests. Box 442999 **✉**

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COULD IT BE YOU?
Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 898900 **✉**

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Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **✉**

ANIMAL LOVER?
Nurse, 37, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde/blue, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557 **✉**

TOO MUCH TO ASK?
Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music, seeks male 38-42, for romance. Box 155275 **✉**

MAKE ME LAUGH!
Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5ft7, dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 442905 **✉**

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 429882 **✉**

ALL THIS AND MORE
Attractive female, 45, slim-medium build, 5ft5, big brown eyes, brown hair, caring, loving, honest, seeking LTR with an honest, caring male to enjoy life with. Box 439367 **✉**

SANDY SEES DANNY
Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc. GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 441001 **✉**

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It says not only has the practice of sending staff and clients cards on their birthdays taken off among UK employers, but the firm is also being inundated with requests for cards to celebrate anniversaries of major contracts or marking recruitment milestones.

Users can also choose from a selection of handwriting styles most closely matching their own and the firm will even post cards with a first class stamp, so receivers will never know they weren't sent personally.

Health card will insure you against painful bills

TENS of thousands of people are going on foreign holidays without insurance.

This figure comes from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which says that when preparing for holidays, organising health insurance may not seem like a top priority. But in the event of an accident, insurance protects travellers from debts which could potentially cost them thousands of pounds.

Chas Roy-Chowdhury, head of taxation at ACCA, says: "Travellers planning to holiday in Europe should apply for the European Health Insurance card, which provides free or reduced-cost emergency medical treatment in Europe."

Make it your business to sign up for trade fair

STANDS are still available for this year's Channel Chamber Business to Business Show at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on September 18.

Thanet & East Kent Chamber says there are also still a few stands available for the first Thanet Trade Fair taking place at The Pavilion on the Sands in Broadstairs on October 15.

The Kent 2020 Show will take place next year at the County Showground in Detling on April 2, starting at 8am. Details will be available in September.

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Water way to save

■ BY TONY PATEY

SOUTH East businesses must act now if they want to avoid a future water crisis, according to sustainable business experts Envirowise.

It says the fuel crisis will pale in comparison to the impact limited water supplies and resulting price hikes could have if businesses continue current consumption levels and waste millions of litres a day.

Water is becoming an increasingly expensive resource, with the average bill from UK water companies set to rise by 18 per cent during the next five years.

Supplies are already being stretched and businesses in the South East use nearly 1.5 billion cubic metres every year.

New research from Envirowise shows the biggest business water users are those in this region, followed by the North West and Wales, with manufacturers, retailers, hotels and restaurants all having a key part.

The firm estimates businesses in the South East could make annual savings of up to 494 million cubic metres of water, worth around £523 million per year, and has launched a new free resource efficiency initiative to help them.

Elaine Sharp, programme marketing manager at Envirowise, a government funded programme that offers practical environmental advice for businesses, says: "Water is still considered by many as a cheap and limitless resource. The reality is that we are using far too much of it and this is putting pressure on existing supplies."

It says a business can make savings of up to 30 per cent off its water and effluent bills, and these can increase to 50 per cent by investing in long-term water saving projects and water-efficient technology.

Ms Sharp says: "There are many simple, no-cost ways of improving water efficiency, including fixing taps and installing water-saving devices. A tap dripping two drops a second across a year, for example, could waste nearly 10,000 litres of water."



The initiative – called Rippleffect – is open to businesses of any size in England and the deadline for joining the six-month programme is September 10. Call the Envirowise Advice Line on 0800 585794 or visit: www.envirowise.gov.uk/rippleffect.



LOW POINT: Drought conditions left Bowl Water – the South East's biggest reservoir – at a record low in early 2006

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Promotion hopes take a battering

CANTERBURY'S remote promotion hopes were ended as they lost to second-placed Bexley by 91 runs.

Steve Richards hit a century for Bexley to help them to 240-7 from their allocation.

In reply, Canterbury faced an uphill battle as Jason Benn took 7-50.

They were all out for 149 in the 34th over to stay fourth in the table, 60 points behind the top two.

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World Touring Car champ Andy Priaulx sets new unofficial lap record at Brands

Snape's bowling spell is just magic for St Lawrence

ST LAWRENCE & Highland Court are slowly creeping towards the sharp end of the Premier Division after wrapping up their fifth victory inside 26 overs on Saturday.

Tunbridge Wells struggled to post a score past 100 as they batted first. St Lawrence's bowlers provided too much for the Wells to handle as Hugo Snape grabbed an excellent 5-34 for the visitors.

Phillip du Plessis provided the only resistance to the bowling attack by scoring 35 as the West Kent side stuttered to 116-9.

Du Plessis was the only batsman to score past 20 and Alex Williams was the next best scorer, making 15.

Dominic Chambers and Murray Creed

CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

were the match winners for St Lawrence.

Chambers' unbeaten 52 put the visitors in the driving seat and Creed kept his fine run of form going with the bat, scoring 45 before falling to the bowling of Quentin Ferreira.

Paul Dixey hit the winning runs as St Lawrence breezed past 116 in the 26th over.

The result means St Lawrence have cut the deficit on league leaders Hartley Country Club to just 20 points.

They are now fifth in the league, just 11 points behind Gore Court and 15 points clear of the bottom two.



IN-FORM: St Lawrence & Highland Court continue to move up the Premier Division with their fifth win of the season

Kent League Premier Division

Tunbridge Wells 1st XI v St Lawrence & Highland Court

Tunbridge Wells

	Runs
Alex Williams lbw b Day	16
Will Sticker b Snape	4
Mark Smith lbw b Snape	0
Philip du Plessis b Snape	35
Quentin Ferreira lbw b Day	4
Oliver Priestman b Creed	3
Daniel Thirkell b Snape	15
Simon Routh b Snape	3
Oli Reynolds not out	14
Fred Florry ct & b Hemphrey	0
Chris Fenwick not out	7
Alex Day	10
Extras (2b 4w 1nb)	15
Total (9 wickets, 42 overs)	116

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Hugo Snape	12	3	34	5
Alex Day	10	3	21	2
Murray Creed	9	3	17	1
Charlie Hemphrey	11	1	38	1

St Lawrence & Highland Court

	Runs
Dominic Chambers not out	52
Murray Creed b Ferreira	45
Paul Dixey not out	16
Charlie Hemphrey did not bat	
Daniel Stickle did not bat	
David Smith did not bat	
Lewis Jenkins did not bat	
Claran Morgan did not bat	
Alex Day did not bat	
William Montgomery did not bat	
Hugo Snape did not bat	
Extras (1lb 2w 1nb)	4
Total (1 wicket, 26.4 overs)	117

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Oli Reynolds	5	1	15	0
Chris Fenwick	6.4	1	33	0
Quentin Ferreira	7	1	28	1
Mark Smith	2	0	23	0
Philip du Plessis	2	0	10	0
Fred Florry	4	1	7	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Bickley Park CC 1st XI v
Whitstable CC 1st XI

WHITSTABLE had a great chance to end Bickley Park's unbeaten run, but a lack of form with the bat saw them lose by 27 runs.

Bickley Park, who are odds-on for promotion, lost the toss and batted first. In conditions which favoured the bowlers, the home side found scoring difficult with no batsman passing 40. Duncan Hardy took 3-40 as Bickley were dismissed in the final over for 148.

Whitstable's reply began badly as they were reduced to 14-3. A half century from James Loader gave them hope, but once he was bowled the tail collapsed.

Bickley Park

	Runs
Chris Coulson	11
Paul Clinton	15
James Lincoln	7
Richard Clinton	37
Peter Clinton	29
Alex Coulson	1
Phil Browning	19
Barry Hooper	15
David Vaisey	15
Freddie Vanden Bergh	0
Richard Horner	4
Extras (4b 4w)	8
Total (all out, 50 overs)	148

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Simon Chittim	9	2	28	2
Max Campbell	8	3	16	2
Josh Gould	15	2	51	1
Duncan Hardy	15	6	40	3
James Loader	3	0	9	1

Whitstable

	Runs
Max Campbell	2
Jamie Watkins	0
Sam Denly	3
Adam Zanotti	28
James Loader	50
Jack Masters	23
Luke Jackson	0
Michael Seager	6
Josh Gould	0
Simon Chittim	4
Duncan Hardy	4
Extras (1w)	1
Total (all out, 41.5 overs)	121

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Barry Hooper	5	0	22	1
Richard Horner	11.5	2	37	6
Phil Browning	8	2	18	0
Freddie Vanden Bergh	8	1	27	1
James Lincoln	9	2	17	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Chestfield 1st XI v
Harvel 1st XI

DESPITE the efforts of Benjamin Phillips, who scored an unbeaten 77, Chestfield wrapped up all the points with a four-wicket win.

Harvel started slowly and it wasn't until Phillips came to the crease that their innings really began. Chestfield's bowlers could not find a way past him and he went on to score heavily as Harvel posted 188.

James Tooze and Daniel Patching set up the victory for Chestfield, rapidly scoring 100 between themselves. The good start was continued by Alistair Robb and Trevor Santer, who helped Chestfield surpass 188 with four wickets in hand.

Harvel

	Runs
Robert McSweeney	0
David Walker	22
Andrew Thompson	7
Benjamin Phillips	77
Alister Ramsey	15
Daniel Walker	8
Joe Lawrence	0
Stuart Wakeman	32
Dominic Saunders	2
Harry Ashdown	7
Daniel O'Neill	4
Extras (4b 8lb 6w)	18
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	188

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Patching	15	6	23	4
Varun Thaler	15	3	69	0
Ben Croucher	9	0	29	2
Wayne George	9	1	40	1
Joseph Whittington	2	0	15	0

Chestfield

	Runs
Stephen Cox	14
James Tooze	55
Daniel Patching	45
Andy Bennett	0
Alistair Robb	35
Varun Thaler	0
Trevor Santer	21
Simon Downes	4
Wayne George	0
Ben Croucher	0
Joseph Whittington	15
Extras (10b 4w 1nb)	15
Total (6 wickets, 44.5 overs)	189

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Alister Ramsey	15	2	67	1
Harry Ashdown	6	0	39	0
Daniel O'Neill	9	4	21	2
Andrew Thompson	13.5	4	52	3

KENT LEAGUE DIV TWO 2ND XI

Canterbury 2nd XI v
HSBC 2nd XI

CANTERBURY 2nd XI are just a point adrift of third-placed Gravesend after a massive seven-wicket victory against HSBC.

Dale Clarkson's bowling easily dispatched the opening pair of Gary and Jack Potter for just 18. A duck from Usman Ahmad left HSBC in trouble. They recovered briefly through David Birmingham and Howard Abbett, but could only reach 148.

In reply, Mark Slaughter and David Sayle turned the game in Canterbury's favour. HSBC's bowlers found it hard to worry the Canterbury batsmen, taking just three wickets as the home side marched past 148 in the 35th over.

HSBC

	Runs
Gary Potter	13
Jack Potter	5
Usman Ahmad	0
David Birmingham	21
Howard Abbett	28
Stephen Jordan	13
Ewan Quince	11
Paul Westerman	13
Liam Jensen	6
Jack Robertson	23
David Tolley	0
Extras (6lb 9w)	15
Total (all out, 49.2 overs)	148

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Dale Clarkson	11	3	49	3
Dave Smith	13.2	3	23	3
Robert Walker	13	6	28	2
Damian Minter	8	3	26	1
Tony Mitchell	4	1	16	1

Canterbury

	Runs
Mark Slaughter	38
David Sayle	43
Philip Walker	37
Peter Blows	17
Damian Minter	6
Dale Clarkson	0
Unsure	0
Robert Walker	0
Stephen Lamyman	0
Tony Mitchell	8
Extras (3b 3lb 2w)	15
Total (3 wickets, 35.2 overs)	149

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jack Robertson	5	0	23	0
David Tolley	7	3	18	0
Liam Jensen	13	4	42	1
Paul Westerman	3	0	18	0
Ewan Quince	5.2	0	35	1
Stephen Jordan	2	1	2	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1B

Herne Bay 1st XI v
Sandwich Town 3rd XI

AFTER a slow start, Sandwich Town showed their quality by earning a five-wicket victory, with John Ewart on form with the bat.

Herne Bay were asked to bat first after losing the toss and their openers made a real impression early on, quickly racing past 100 with Simon Roots, Gavin Hall and Edward Govier scoring heavily. Bay finished with a total of 206-8.

Sandwich lost their openers for just two runs and David Scarr and Ewart (65) had to stage a recovery. Helped by Dan Cook and Andrew Chapman, Sandwich clattered past 206 with five wickets in hand.

Herne Bay

	Runs
Simon Roots	24
Gavin Hall	49
Edward Govier	54
Tom Rose	11
Sam Taylor	3
Peter Chester	3
Sam Staunton	10
Fred Gillard	16
Robert Richardson	0
Josh Staunton	17
Dan Bonthuys	19
Extras (5b 6lb 4w 4nb)	15
Total (8 wickets, 46 overs)	206

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Chris Smith	12	1	55	1
John Wickham	11	1	50	1
Simon Lawrence	12	2	61	3
Clive Thurgate	11	2	29	2

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Paul Coatham	0
Mark Baldock	2
David Scarr	35
John Ewart	65
Dan Cook	32
Andrew Chapman	17
Clive Thurgate	34
Chris Smith	0
John Jones	0
Simon Lawrence	0
John Wickham	0
Extras (6b 3lb 13w)	22
Total (5 wickets, 41 overs)	207

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Edward Govier	12	1	72	1
Fred Gillard	10	3	26	1
Tom Rose	9	1	50	2
Sam Staunton	6	1	31	0
Gavin Hall	4	0	19	1

Morgan: Bay must hit the ground running

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

HERNE Bay begin their Kent League campaign this weekend and manager Barry Morgan is aiming to convert his side's excellent pre-season into a good start.

Bay won five of their first six friendly matches, averaging four goals a game. Sporting Bengal United, who dropped the Premier Division last term, are the visitors to Winch's Field on Saturday and the Bay boss is hoping for more of the same.

He told said: "It would be nice if we could put a performance in and get three points on the board. It is all right winning friendly, but it is different when there are points at stake."

"It is very important to get a good start. We don't want to have a pre-season like we have had to then get off to a bad start, we want to hit the ground running."

A Maidstone United XI were the latest outfit to feel the force of Morgan's new-look side, losing 6-0. Stuart King made it six goals in three games since signing by bagging a brace, while Rhys Lawson, Darren Marsden, Aaron Burrett and Luke Harvey all got on the score sheet.

It makes a contrast to last season, when the team struggled to find the net after Aaron Firth joined Ramsgate.

Morgan said: "I think the biggest difference this year is we have goals coming from all over the place, which is what I want to see. We have some strong players for our level who could easily be playing higher up."

Rob Lawrence will miss the start of the season after breaking his arm playing for the reserves at Whitstable Town on Saturday.

Bay completed their pre-season fixtures against rivals Whitstable last night. Log on to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk for reaction from the game. Saturday's match against Sporting Bengal kicks off at 3pm.



POINT TAKEN: Bay boss Barry Morgan wants to open the season with victory on Saturday

Tough pre-season will benefit the Oystermen

FOOTBALL

WHITSTABLE Town boss Marc Seager believes his side's difficult pre-season will pay dividends when the Ryman South campaign begins next weekend.

The Oystermen conceded four goals to both Dartford and Maidstone in their warm-up matches, before playing out a goalless draw at Canvey Island on Saturday.

Despite the lack of victories Seager believes the games against teams from the division above will pay off.

He told Yourcanterbury: "They were good tests for us, but that is why I picked the good sides. I want us to be a bit sharper."

"There won't be a team in our league who are as good as Maidstone or Canvey Island."

Whitstable complete their pre-season fixtures this week with games away to Thamesmead Town tomorrow and at home to Dover Athletic on Saturday. They begin the league programme away to Chipstead next Saturday.

Seager is pleased with the strength in depth of his squad, which is greater than last season,



TOUGH GOING: Marc Seager arranged a difficult pre-season for his side

but believes there is still work to be done before competitive football resumes.

He said: "I can't fault the players' work rate. The desire is there, it's just that bit of quality when we are on the ball."

"People have to start taking responsibility and have a bit more courage when they are in possession, but that's what pre-season is here for."

Town played Herne Bay at the Belmont last night. Log on to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk for the match report and full reaction.

Clewlow aims to make her experience count

HOCKEY

MEL Clewlow believes her previous Olympics experience will help when the hockey competition begins in Beijing on Sunday.

The 32-year-old is one of only five players in the 16-strong squad who played the last time Britain's women qualified for the Olympics, at Sydney in 2000.

Britain won two of their six matches in Australia, finishing eighth. If the team have a successful tournament this time, they potentially face seven matches in 11 days.

The competition is more intense than any other tournament, but the Canterbury defender thinks going through it before will make a difference.

She said: "I think it does help a little bit in terms of what to expect. We will try to help the younger players along the way if they need it."

Clewlow is well placed to be included in former Canterbury coach Danny Kerry's side when they begin against defending champions Germany on Sunday.

She has featured in the majority of the warm-up matches, including a 2-0 win against New



BEIJING: Mel Clewlow (in red) is preparing for her second Olympics

Zealand in Hong Kong last week.

With an international career spanning 12 years, Clewlow has been to a host of international competitions and she is pleased with how the pre-Games training has gone.

She said: "This time around we qualified last year, so we have had a long time to prepare and get things right."

"In 2000 we didn't qualify until March so we were peaking for that rather than the Olympics tournament itself."

CRICKET

England choose KP ahead of Kent's Key

ROB Key failed to make a shock return to the England team after being widely tipped to succeed Ashes-winning captain Michael Vaughan.

Key, who last played for England against South Africa in 2005, was a favourite of many to take over from Vaughan, who quit as skipper after England lost the third Test at Edgbaston and with it the series.

England One-Day captain Paul Collingwood also stood down from his post at the weekend, which left the way open for a new captain to lead the side in both disciplines.

Kevin Pietersen, however, got the nod from selectors to take over both roles on Monday, although it is believed Kent captain Key was part of a shortlist including Andrew Strauss and Alastair Cook.

Former England fast bowler and current Yorkshire captain Darren Gough believes choosing Key would have been a better long-term approach.

He said: "Appointing Rob Key would be a good move now, to draw a line under the recent past and make a fresh start."

While former players and cricket writers pushed for the inclusion of Key, one of his ex-England team-mates, Graham Thorpe, felt the Kent skipper would need to establish himself in the side before taking on the captaincy.

He said: "It would be a tremendous amount of pressure to place upon Rob, who should first be given the chance to prove himself in Tests again."

Although Key missed out on being named captain, he is widely tipped to make a return to the Test squad that will tour India in the winter.

He will be battling for a place with Middlesex star Owais Shah and Essex all-rounder Ravi Bopara.

While Key contemplates a return to the England set up and a winter tour to India, his Kent side will definitely not be making the trip overseas after it was confirmed they have been denied an opportunity to take part in the inaugural Champions League.

As suspected, their inclusion of 'rebel' Indian Cricket League stars Justin Kemp and Azhar Mahmood has meant Kent were not invited to take part in the £2.4 million Champions League by organisers and rival group, the Indian Premier League.

Twenty20 Cup winners Middlesex have been invited and it is expected Essex, who Kent beat in the semi-final, may take the Spitfires' place in the Champions League.



NOT YET: Rob Key awaits a chance with England

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